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Gets hostile reception

U.S. envoy supports Lebanon's integrity

BEIRUT, May 8 (Agencies) — Special American envoy Philip Habib, on a mission to try to head off a major clash over Lebanon, assured Lebanon's President Elias Sarkis Friday of U.S. support for Lebanon's independence, sovereignty and integrity. Habib, speaking to reporters after a meeting at the presidential palace, said he gave Sarkis a message from President Reagan. He did not disclose its contents.

The envoy, a former undersecretary of state for political affairs, arrived Thursday on a mission which will also take him to Syria and Israel. He was seen by President Reagan after Israel shot down two Syria helicopters in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and Syria set up ground-to-air missiles there. Israel has demanded the withdrawal of the missiles, but Syria has so far rejected the demand.

Without specifically mentioning the missiles, Habib said recent developments in the area "have created what can only be described as a dangerous situation."

Habib said that when he met Sarkis, he had restated Washington's support for the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon within its internationally-recognized frontiers. He later met Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan in his office in west Beirut. State-run Beirut radio said four shells landed near the building early Friday morning.

Habib will also meet leaders of both rightist and Nationalist Lebanese factions before going to Damascus Saturday. As Habib's mission got under way, Syria reiterated its stand on the Soviet-made SAM-6 and SAM-2 missiles it installed near the Bekaa Valley town of Rayak. A Syrian Defense Ministry spokesman said in Damascus: "Air defenses, including rockets, are part of the Syrian armed forces. They are now present, and will be present in the future, in any place where Syrian troops are present when they need them."

Israel has indicated it might use its air force to attack the missile emplacements if diplomatic efforts do not get them withdrawn. A 30,000-strong all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) has been policing a ceasefire in Lebanon for the past five years. Informed sources said Thursday it has been reinforced in the Bekaa and was in a state of full preparedness.

Habib's mission had received a hostile

reception from Lebanese nationalists and their Palestinian allies. A front-page headline in the Nationalist daily *Al-Safir* Friday said: "Habib completes Israeli moves against the Arab Deterrent Force."

The Palestine New Agency Wafa said his efforts would not be welcomed by the Lebanese and Palestinians because "what has happened and is still taking place in Lebanon is the work of various U.S. policy-makers... The U.S. cannot be an arbiter nor a mediator for it is one of the foremost parties involved."

The rightist parties have been more favorable. A spokesman for the Christian Phalangist party said it hoped Habib would persuade Israel and Syria to limit their conflict and put pressure on Syria.

Habib's plans to meet Lebanese factional leaders have raised speculation that he hopes to tackle Lebanon's internal problems as well as the missile crisis. But Beirut newspapers said talks with Syria on measures to end clashes between Lebanese rightists and ADF troops had been relegated to the background by the Syrian-Israeli crisis.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization said Thursday the U.S. was in no position to mediate the Syrian-Israeli crisis because of the history of U.S. policy and the supply of U.S. arms to Israel, according to Wafa, the Palestinian news agency.

"Therefore the U.S. cannot be an arbiter nor a mediator for it is one of the foremost parties involved, since it is working for the partition of Lebanon and the parceling up of the whole Arab world, the better to include it in its own sphere of influence," the agency said.

The agency referred to the arrival in Lebanon of Philip Habib and said U.S. efforts "will not be to the advantage of the masses of Lebanon, nor the inhabitants of the Palestinian positions and the southern Lebanese villages, who are the victims of the death and destruction inflicted daily by U.S. arms manipulated by Israeli forces."

Lebanese state radio reported Friday Israel has delivered new tanks and armored vehicles to the Christian militia commanded by rebel Lebanese Maj. Saad Haddad in south Lebanon. Quoting travelers in the Israeli border region, where Haddad's militia is entrenched, the radio said that Israeli troops stationed at Sahi-El-Khyam had also received reinforcements.

Japanese to bolster defenses

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP) — Calling on the West to create an integrated "strategy of peace," Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Friday said Japan will continue a steady buildup of its defenses in the face of persistent Soviet military growth.

However, Suzuki made clear that Japan's main first priority is a global peace strategy that will increase economic assistance for developing nations whose economic problems he said lead to instability which "encourage encroachment by the Soviet Union. He said the strategy he envisions would be one "in which a broad range of political, military and economic responses of the entire West are well coordinated," he said.

"Each country must play a role commensurate with its own strengths and domestic circumstances, insuring that the West as a whole can make the most effective use of the power at its disposal," Suzuki said. The United States has increasingly asked Japan to take a greater responsibility for its own defenses and to increase surveillance of the vital sea lanes in the North Pacific.

Addressing the National Press Club here, the Japanese prime minister also referred to his decision shortly before leaving Japan to place voluntary limits on Japanese auto exports to give a breather to the American automobile industry and head off possible protectionist trade legislation in Congress.

He said the decision involves "considerable sacrifice" on the part of Japanese auto-makers and autoexporters and added, "I would be less than truthful if I pretended my decision was painless."

"Nonetheless, I sincerely believe that the pain is worth enduring if this temporary arrangement contributes in the long run to preserving and strengthening the world free-trade system which is indispensable to the development of the world economy," Suzuki said.

Suzuki said his visit trust has reinforced cooperation and "unshakable trust" between his nation and the United States. He pointed to a number of "undesirable trends" on the global scene which he said the West cannot afford to let unchecked and made these assertions:

"The Soviet Union's persistent military buildup has resulted in a changing military balance that is undesirable from the standpoint of the security of the Western countries."

"The world economy is facing major difficulties as a result of energy constraints combined with inflation, unemployment, (and) international payment imbalances. Against this backdrop, protectionist tendencies have emerged which could further weaken the economy of the free world."

"The political and economic vulnerabilities of the Third World have given rise to regional instabilities and conflicts..."

Suzuki especially warned of the dangers of unchecked rivalry between the East and West fueled by potent military power and deep-seated mutual distrust. "If unresolved such a situation will continue to breed endless rivalry in the military buildup," he said. "This is a course that threatens the well-being of peoples, through the wasteful diversion of limited resources." He said Japan intends to exert its efforts to reduce such tensions.

"Undismayed, Japan will pursue an appropriate role in seeking feasible and concrete measures — particularly in the field of nuclear disarmament — that will not jeopardize the security of any country but will accord with the realities of present day international relations," Suzuki said.



REAGAN-SUZUKI TALKS: President Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in animated conversation at Reagan's Oval office Thursday. Bilateral and global topics were understood to have been discussed, besides U.S.-Japanese trade relationship.

Riyadh lends \$9.5b to IMF

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP) — Saudi Arabia has signed an agreement to lend the International Monetary Fund (IMF) the equivalent of \$9.52 billion so that it can loan more money to poor countries. The agreement was signed Monday by Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the IMF, and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency.

"With the signing of the loan agreement the IMF said in a statement, "the fund's policy of enlarged access becomes operative. In view of the magnitude of the amounts made available, this agreement constitutes a substantial contribution to recycling process. It reflects the role of Saudi Arabia in the world economy and represents an important step to strengthen the fund and the international monetary system."

By the "recycling process" is meant getting the huge sums of money collected by the oil producers back into the flow of world trade.

The IMF has been increasing its lending for some time, with last year's loans doubling those of the year before. But the special money lent for the purpose largely by the United States and Saudi Arabia, had run out.

This time, with the Reagan administration cutting its international spending, it seems unlikely that any loan will be available from Washington. Though the IMF said it is about to make arrangements for borrowing another \$1.19 billion from government banks in several countries, it still needs about \$1.19 to 1.78 billion for its current year, which began on May 1.

The IMF relends the money to poor countries, requiring them in return to tighten up their economic systems by reducing government spending and taking other painful economic measures — sometimes including a devaluation of their currency.

Of the money lent by Saudi Arabia, the IMF has promised to take at least \$1.19 billion the first year and not more than \$7.4 billion in another one year. Before November 1983, the accord will be reviewed with the idea of extending it. It has been expected that Saudi Arabia will then be ready to lend about \$4.76 billion more. The exact amount cannot be stated in dollars, since the money is borrowed in the IMF's own currency — "Special Drawing Rights" whose value fluctuates from day today. The current value of one SDR is \$1.19. Repayment of each loan from Saudi Arabia will begin at the end of the fourth year after it is drawn. Interest will be paid at the average rate paid by governments of the leading financial countries on five-year loans. That figure also fluctuates, and is now about 12.5 per cent a year.

'War' tape theft hits U.K.

LONDON, May 8 (AP) — Top-secret tapes on how Britain would prepare for a war were stolen in 1978 and ended up with pop music and a German language lesson recorded over them, the British Security Commission disclosed Friday. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told parliament the ministry of defense has been told to tighten its security following an investigation into the theft.

The stolen tapes formed the defense ministry's War Book, the comprehensive instructions on how Britain would have to go to a war footing if it became necessary. In releasing results of its investigation into the theft, the Security Commission said five tapes were stolen and no trace can be found of "up to 120" other tapes.

Last year, Barry Wagstaff, 33, resigned after admitting that he stole five tapes from among those containing the War Book and kept them in his home for his private use, the commission said. The five tapes "later were recovered from his apartment and had been in the main over-recorded by pop music, and in one instance, by a German lesson," the commission said.

Mrs Thatcher told the House of Commons the commission concluded that "a number of individual civil servants were responsible for breaches in security regulations, particularly regarding their failure to report the apparent loss of classified information in 1978." "This failure led to the regrettable delay in the proper investigation of the case. The government accepted these criticisms and has taken steps to try to reduce the likelihood of a recurrence."

Wagstaff was put in charge of the War Book shortly after it had been transferred to magnetic tapes in 1976 for greater efficiency, the commission reported. When the tapes were needed for a war exercise in 1978, Wagstaff was "evasive" about the whereabouts of the master copy and someone else had to compile a new one, the commission said. No details of Britain's war preparations were disclosed.

Swedish government resigns

STOCKHOLM, May 8 (AFP) — Sweden's center-right government fell Friday when Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin and his cabinet handed their resignations to the speaker of parliament after a break-up in the three party coalition.

The resignation followed days of uncertainty after the conservatives deserted the coalition Monday when they rejected a package of tax reforms drafted by Falldin's Centrists, his coalition partners the Liberals and the opposition Social Democrats. Soon after his resignation Falldin said he was ready to

form a minority government with the Liberals.

Friday's collapse was the second time a government headed by Falldin had fallen. The coalition first came to power in 1976 to end 44 years of Socialist rule. It collapsed in late 1978 when Falldin's Centrists quit in opposition to their partners' pro-nuclear stance, but was returned to power in the 1979 general election. Falldin took a few days to make up his mind on the three choices available to him under the constitution: to try to carry on with the remaining of the coalition or resign and form a new government or call early elections.

The Centrist premier reportedly told the speaker he was prepared to head a minority centrist-liberal cabinet should he be asked to form a new government. The Centrists and the Liberals would command only 102 seats in the 349-seat parliament and would have to depend on support either from the Social Democrats with 154 seats or the Conservatives who hold 73 seats. It would be Falldin's third government since the non-Socialists ousted the Social Democrats in the 1974 general elections ending 44 years of Socialist rule. Bengtsson was expected to consult other party leaders, including conservative leader Gosta Bohman, Liberal leader Ola Ullsten, Social Democratic chairman Olof Palme and Communist boss Lars Werner. Falldin called a news conference for later Friday.

Political circles here said that the outgoing prime minister will be called on to form a new administration by the speaker, who is responsible for the consultations on the formation of a new government.

Israeli play aimed at getting more aid

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8 (AP) — Israeli opposition to sales of air defense equipment to Saudi Arabia is designed to force greater aid to Israel, the head of the National Association of Arab Americans said Thursday. James F. Sams said "we do not consider there is an issue of greater importance at this stage" than the sale of the sophisticated surveillance aircraft planned by the Reagan administration.

The administration has proposed selling additional Airborne Warning and Command System (AWACS) aircraft to Saudi Arabia, an idea which has been opposed by the Israeli government and some U.S. Congressmen. Sams is president of the lobbying group, which claims it represents more than two million Arab Americans. He made the comments during the NAAA national convention.

"The Saudi Arabian request is for the purpose of enhancing the capability of a thinly spread air-defense system to protect the Kingdom's oil fields and population centers," Sams said.

"The sale will not pose a credible threat to any other country in the region, including Israel," he said.

Sams said the NAAA believes that an "imbalance" of U.S. aid in favor of Israel has driven threatened Arab countries to seek arms from the Soviet Union. He said the U.S. cannot afford to be on poor terms with its major Middle Eastern trading partners.

Gilmour opens foreign policy debate

LONDON, May 8 (AFP) — Deputy Foreign Secretary Sir Ian Gilmour opened a House of Commons debate on British foreign policy Thursday by outlining its main directions. These included: Closer coordination with the other partners in the European Economic Community, support for U.S. and Soviet efforts to reach agreement on strategic arms limitation, and continued backing for the EEC's positions on the Middle East.

Sir Ian also indicated that Britain and other Western allies should back the current U.S. efforts to restore peace in Lebanon.

On the Middle East, he said the principles of the declaration by the EEC summit in Venice last spring — including a proposal that the Palestinians be included in the peace process — remained a realistic and acceptable basis for a Middle East settlement. He made it clear that Britain, when its turn came to preside over the European parliament next July, would be giving full support to the Venice proposals, some of which had been formulated by Britain.

Strike continues to cripple Heathrow airport

LONDON, May 8 (AFP) — About 25 per cent of arrivals and departures from London's Heathrow Airport were cancelled Wednesday because of a strike by air traffic controllers. The state-owned British Airways cancelled 44 flights and several airlines bound for Heathrow were diverted to other airports in Britain and Europe.

The airport was almost brought to a standstill Thursday by industrial action by the controllers with 130 flights being cancelled and traffic to and from the United States being seriously disrupted.

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RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — The Presidency of the Departments of Scholarly Research, Religious Ruling, Call to Islam and Religious Guidance Friday gave telephone numbers of the Permanent Scholarly Research and Religious Ruling Committee members for public contact.

The public can call on the religious scholars at office or home for religion related inquiries. Those mentioned in the presidency's statement were: Sheikh Abdul Razzak Afifi, the committee's vice-chairman, tel. 4358350 (office) and 4026722 (res.); Sheikh Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Ghudayyan, member, tel. 4350235 (office) and 4359870 (res.); and Sheikh Abdullah ibn Hassan ibn Aqoud, member, tel. 4358501 (office) and 4592367 (res). All telephone numbers are in Riyadh.

In UAE

Arab industry launches barge

Gulf Bureau
AJMAN, UAE, May 8 — The launching of a new giant heavy oil barge at the Ajman Creek in the United Arab Emirates marked another milestone in the history of Arab heavy industry.

Manufactured by Arab Heavy Industries Ltd., this 150-foot-long barge will be used mainly for studying oil pollution and cargo handling at the Jabel Dhann-Ruwais complex.

The owner of the 280-ton barge, an achievement of Arab efforts for self-dependence, is the Abu Dhabi Ports Operating Company, which is a joint venture between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Lammaloo Ltd. on a 60 to 40 per cent basis providing marine service to the petroleum sector.

The total fleet strength of APOC now is 16. The company has 3200 bhp fire-fighting and harbor tugs, two bhp twin screw mooring launches, six single screw mooring launches, two fast pilot launches, one diving maintenance vessel and a self-propelled maintenance crane barge.

R. Arichi, director and general manager of the Arab Heavy Industries said that the Al

In another development, the World Supreme Council of Mosques granted 56,000 Sudanese pounds for the Zarakana and Taknaba mosques and the Rifaa mosque for the holy Quran memorization in Sudan, it was reported.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Makkah-based Muslim World League, said in Makkah that the supreme council also granted SR1 million for the Aqaba mosque in Kairouan, Tunisia. The World Supreme Council of Mosques a subsidiary organization of the World Muslim League.

Sheikh Harakan said the supreme council also donated \$5,000 for an Islamic religion teaching society in Mauritius. These contributions by the supreme council come in response to appeals for the mosques and society for financial assistance.

Zohra yard in Ajman Creek — from where the new barge was launched — is now in a position to repair more than 200 vessels annually.

Since its inauguration in 1977 with an initial investment of DH72 million, the yard has so far repaired 960 vessels and during the current year, the turnover is expected to be around DH90 million, he added.

Although the company's main shareholder has been Ajman, government leading establishments like Al Futtaim Group, Bank of Oman, Al Khurafi Group and Japanese companies belonging to Mitsui Group hold shares. In fact, Majid Al Futtaim, chairman of Al Futtaim Group, still continues to be the chairman of the Arab Heavy Industries Company.

The yard, he said, is now in a position to build offshore supply boats, tug boats, deck cargo barges, dredges, landing crafts and coastal fighters and handle maintenance and repair jobs, single buoy mooring units (SBM), tankers and fishing boats.

In its massive steel fabrication unit, the yard is now fabricating about 450 tons of steel in terms of barges and tanks although it has a capacity for 1,000 tons of steel per month.

British trade delegation signs engineering contracts

By Habib Rahman

JEDDAH, May 8 — A British trade delegation has signed contracts for the supply of various engineering equipment to the Kingdom during its five-day stay in the city. Chris J. Kirk, leader of the 15-member mission from Yorkshire county, told *Arab News* Friday that they came to Saudi Arabia to explore the possibility of boosting exports of engineering goods.

Sponsored by the British Overseas Trade Board and organized by the Leeds Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the mission is promoting goods like electric components.

Vocational housing nears completion

QATIF, May 8 (SPA) — The SR40 million housing project for Qatif's Vocational Training Center will be complete in the next few months, according to the center's director. Dakhlullah Turki Al-Shamdeen said that the housing project covers an area of 25,000 square meters.

The project, which consists of three four-story buildings, will accommodate trainees and instructors. It has a restaurant, sports facilities, parking lots, a mosque, a car workshop, a stand-by power generating plant, a

tube bending machinery, materials testing equipment, lubricants, industrial chemicals, pumping and sewage treatment plant and equipment, structural bearings, weather and draught seals and fire and smoke seals, thermal insulation, industrial cleaning cloths, tin housewares, copper tubes for the construction industry, flanges and pipeline connectors and lighting equipment.

All these products are manufactured in Yorkshire county and the delegation represents members from these companies.

Cecil Wilson, secretary of the chamber, said, "Talks are also continuing on joint ven-

tures in different fields." But he did not give any details since the talks are still in the preliminary stage. Although the mission's visit to the Kingdom had been planned a long time ago, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Saudi Arabia provided a new impetus for the delegation. "Her successful visit has augured well for British exporters" he said.

This is the first trade delegation to come from Britain after Mrs. Thatcher's visit, he said.

The delegation was impressed by the pace of the development in the Kingdom, particularly in Yanbu industrial city which they vis-

ited. Cecil Wilson said "all members have decided to come back again individually some time later to renew their business contacts." For many members it is not the first visit to Saudi Arabia and for others it is a memorable experience, he said.

Pointing out that British goods are popular here, he said Yorkshire county alone exported goods worth £3.5 million last year and this year the amount of contracts won so far shows a big increase. The delegation, which is now in Riyadh, will leave for Jordan on May 12.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.49	11.36	12.00	12.30
Asr (Evening)	3.36	3.44	3.16	3.06	3.30	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.50	6.56	6.27	6.17	6.41	7.14
Isha (Night)	8.20	8.26	7.57	7.47	8.11	8.44

Meanwhile, Shamdeen said several classes in car mechanics, carpentry and welding will graduate shortly. The number of graduates from these classes will be about 60 trainees. Students training in the various divisions of the center number 225, the director said.

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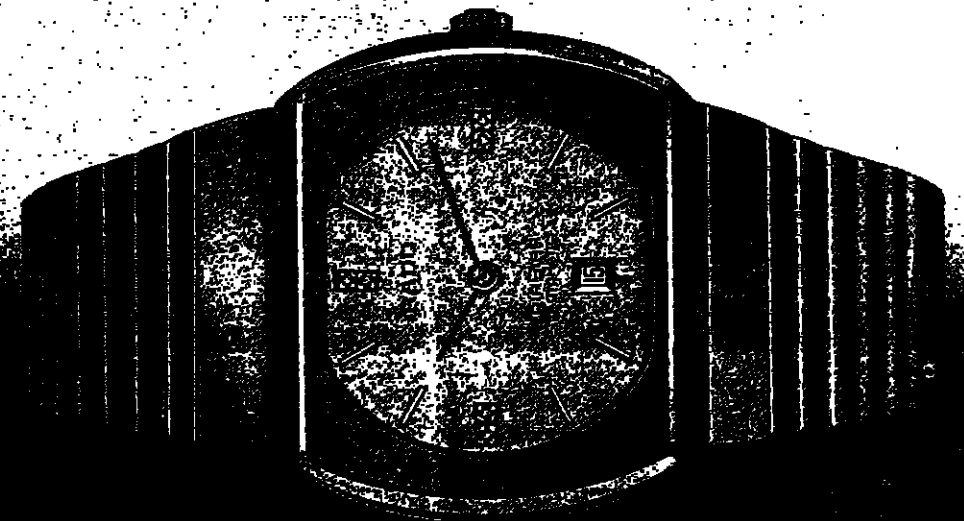
Saudi Arabian students abroad face a lot of problems and hazards, and are subject to a torrent of ideas and impressions which call for some consideration. The currents that blow them in every direction justify a serious review by those who want to know what will happen to them when they return home after completion of their studies.

But the question concerns the alternative. Should we stop scholarships to foreign lands altogether because we are afraid of the consequences?

Those who advocate the suspension of foreign studies display a woeful lack of vision and are grossly guilty of shortsightedness and inexperience. We agree that there are dangers and we also agree that some of the biggest countries also send their youth abroad who return with new ideas and concepts, but we must find out ways of reducing the impact of foreign education and the behavior of the returnees which may not be quite in the interest of their own countries and peoples. It is not impossible to find positive solutions.

We must admit that there is a great deal to learn in today's world and that we need to study and benefit from the knowledge available to us, but we should not take unstudied decisions just because we feel that they are the best ways of putting an end to the dangers inherent in foreign studies. We need every one of our educated youths and we must do our best to retrieve them, pure and clean.

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Gulf countries discuss food supplies

Gulf Bureau

DUBAI, May 8 — The Food Committee of Gulf countries decided unanimously to form national committees on the basis of a proposal presented by Bahrain to meet current needs.

The three-day meeting attended by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar — was a continuation of efforts by the Gulf countries for joint measures to ensure the safety of foodstuffs entering the area. The meeting was held here

from April 28-30.

The main features of the Bahrain formula included a detailed study of all existing laws and ministerial decrees pertaining to food control measures in the member countries, to propose any amendments to the existing laws and also come out with new laws and formulas, to study all international laws and measures in the developed countries to ensure the safety of foodstuffs, to introduce guidelines for food control — which also include the issuing of licenses and the registration of wholesale and retail outlets for food

items as well as periodical inspection of both foodstuffs and those employees who deal with it — and to coordinate among those who deal with these activities.

Other aspects of the proposal include a study of all scientific proposals issued from time to time in the region and in the developed countries so that the laws and measures in the member countries may be updated to suit the time, and to draw up an integral plan to train workers of all categories dealing with food stuffs — including technical, administrative and legal workers, to undertake a well-planned health education campaign to enlighten the consumers as well as dealers of food suitable for consumption. This campaign is to be undertaken in collaboration with the respective ministries of information.

Emphasizing the need and importance of setting up one or more central laboratories, the committee at its Dubai meeting decided to update the existing laboratories in the member countries for the time being.

In regard to the establishment of a regional council or an organization, the committee is of the opinion that such a move is too premature at present. But it decided to take up the matter after a year. Meanwhile, the committee also expressed its willingness to render whatever possible services to make these efforts more fruitful.

Although the five-point plan presented by the UAE was discussed in detail, the committee has not reached any agreement on it.

The major points of the UAE proposal are to formulate a set of common laws and regulations for the Gulf countries in tackling the food control problem, to train local citizens in the member countries for food control and inspection measures, to study the capability and facilities of laboratories in the member countries and also to discuss the possibility of setting up a central laboratory for all member countries, to provide periodical in-service training for those working in this field and to educate the public to differentiate between suitable and unsuitable foodstuffs.

Emphasizing the need for such measures, a spokesman for the committee said in Dubai, "We in the region live in the midst of a cold war unleashed by international food companies which scramble their market products. The lack of up-to-date food regulations, the absence of proper guidelines about the quality of food and food-processing machinery and also the lack of coordination among food control authorities in the region has made the

consumers an easy target for exploitation."

Health ministers of the Gulf countries met in Riyadh and Qatar in May and June, 1980, where they discussed the possibility of joint measures to meet the situation and find a solution.

Emphasizing the need to continue these talks, they decided to prepare a set of common regulations for the effective control and inspection of food. To make these efforts a success they also decided to study in detail the existing rules, regulations, decrees and other food control and inspection measures in the member countries.

Thus, a symposium was organized last December in Dubai by the general secretariat of the UAE municipalities to throw further light on the matter.

Important topics at the symposium included the need to coordinate food control activities, the role of customs and marine ports regarding food control, the need to supervise fresh food and to take a view of steps initiated by the Dubai government to ensure food safety, the need to survey food control in the Gulf area, and the problem of malnutrition among children despite the availability of food in the region.

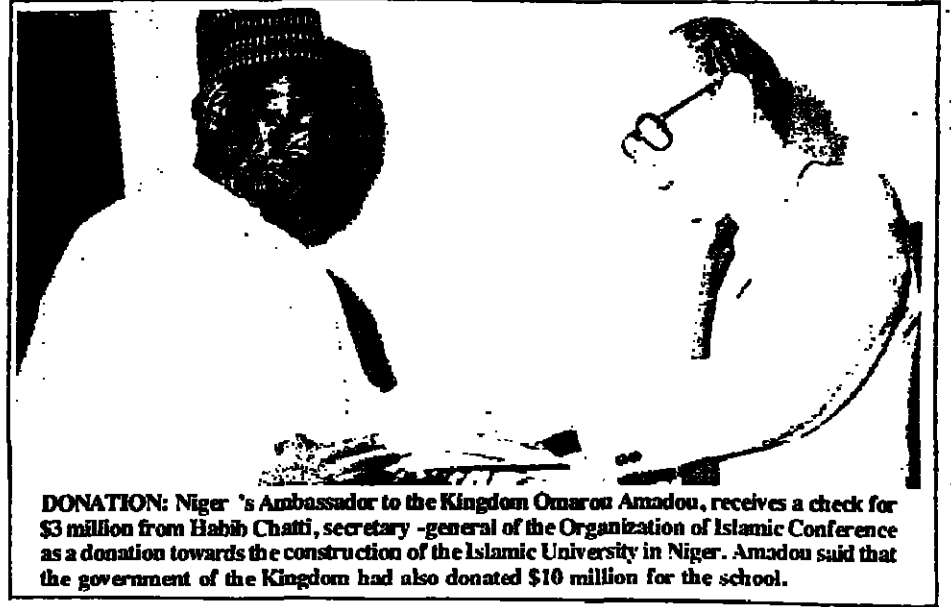
Mayor to chair contest meeting

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 8 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi will chair a meeting of a special committee that will choose the best architectural design for the largest national advertising company Saturday. The new complex which belongs to Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research will be located at the Hamra area.

The meeting to be held at Tihama headquarters here will be attended by the committee's members which include experts from King Abdul Aziz University's Faculty of Engineering, King Faisal University of Dammam, three engineers from the municipality and two others from an international engineering association.

Several national and international firms are participating with designs.



DONATION: Niger's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Amadou, receives a check for \$3 million from Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference as a donation towards the construction of the Islamic University in Niger. Amadou said that the government of the Kingdom had also donated \$10 million for the school.

Indian director says

Islamic center to be modernized

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 8 — A project to modernize the Islamic Research and Publishing Institute at Calicut in India's southern state of Kerala has been planned. Ahmed Moulavi, the institute's director, told Arab News Friday "at present it is housed in a small rented building and its press with which Islamic literature is printed has become obsolete. It is very difficult to meet the mounting demand of Arabic scholars."

Moulavi is here with a master plan for the project to raise funds. A noted Arabic scholar, he had written 12 books on Islam. His

book on the Quran for the local population has been widely acclaimed.

The institute, which was established 12 years ago by Moulavi and some of his friends, runs on public contributions. It became famous last year when an international seminar on Arabic literature was held there. Several scholars including some from Riyadh University had participated in the seminar.

He said, "In Kerala alone there are 9,000 Arabic scholars and 25,000 ulemas. Every month these men gather in the institute to discuss ways and means of propagating the Islamic teachings."

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Libya threatens to retaliate

TRIPOLI, May 8 (Agencies) — Libya reacted angrily Friday to the United States decision to expel all Libyan diplomats and threatened to take "the necessary measures" if the U.S. continued to pursue what it called a hostile foreign policy.

In the first official Libyan reaction to the U.S. announcement two days ago, Libya rejected State Department charges that it supported international terrorism. The people's foreign liaison bureau (foreign ministry) in a statement carried by the official Jamahiriya News Agency (Jana), said Libya had stressed more than once that it condemned international terrorism and accused the United States of using a "flimsy pretext with no basis or truth" in ordering the expulsion.

"Before labelling others with international terrorism, the American administration must remember the acts of international terrorism it committed in Vietnam and El Salvador as it bombarded with its arms thousands of innocents and destroyed houses, bridges and the basic structure of these countries," the bureau said.

If the American administration continued to pursue its "hostile foreign policy" against Libya, the "Libyan Arab people will ... take the necessary measures which will enable it to confront this aggressive policy," it said.

Libya said the United States had also to remember that the production of nuclear weapons, the setting up of military bases and the presence of American fleets in the

Mediterranean Sea were acts of international terrorism.

It said there was a difference between "the acts of international terrorism" practised by the United States and between supporting and backing the people "languishing under the tyranny of imperialism and foreign domination." "The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya does not hide its support and backing for these peoples and does not see in that an act of international terrorism as it is claimed by the American administration but it sees it instead as a humanitarian duty toward these peoples," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department said Thursday an estimated 4,000 Libyan students studying in the United States will be permitted to stay on if they pursue their studies and obey U.S. laws. Officials said President Reagan's decision to shut down the Libyan diplomatic mission in Washington would cause problems for the students as

most of them are on receipt of Libyan scholarships.

The officials said a principal function of the Libyan mission here was to provide financial aid to the students. The Libyan government will now have to find an alternate procedure. The officials said. Under Reagan's directive, 27 Libyan diplomats accredited here and their families have time until next Wednesday to leave the United States, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said.

In a related development, representatives of some 50 American companies with branches in Libya were invited to the State Department Thursday for an exchange of views on how Reagan's decision may affect their operations. There are some 2,000 Americans in Libya, most of them working for oil companies. The State Department has suggested that these firms recall some of these Americans. It is also discouraging other Americans from traveling to Libya.

Heavy fighting reported in E. Chad

PARIS, May 8 (AP) — French officials have confirmed reports from Sudan of recent serious fighting in the eastern Chad town of Abeche between troops loyal to interim President Goukouni Quedde and those of Foreign Minister Ahmad Acyl, backed by Libyan forces.

They said Thursday there had been "heavy casualties" and a French news agency report from the Chad capital, N'djamena, spoke of 300 reported dead in combat April 19-21.

Acyl has long been allied with Libya in the complex politics and ceaseless fighting in Chad. Goukouni, who three years ago led his forces against Libyan troops in northern Chad, relied on their help last year to end a stalemated nine-month civil war in the capital and oust forces loyal to Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

Goukouni is said by French officials to be in a difficult position now in the transitional government and to be seeking alliances with African nations to counterbalance the Libyan connection.

There was no indication what started the fighting in Abeche, Habre's former base taken by government troops earlier this year. But Acyl's troops are Arabs while Goukouni's are Touhou nomads and observers said the fighting was likely to have stemmed from personal quarrels.

But it was seen as significant in Paris that the Libyans chose to aid Acyl's forces. The reports from N'djamena said the Libyans have evacuated the capital and its airport and pulled back some 64 kms to Dougou. Repair work is starting at the airport, which has been closed to civilian traffic for well over a year.

Many countries rush aid to Somalia

MOGADISHU, May 8 (AP) — Several countries, including the United States, Britain and Italy, have already responded to the Somali government's international appeal, made earlier this week, for emergency assistance for thousands of flood victims, United Nations officials said Thursday.

An Alitalia plane carrying emergency medical supplies donated by the Italian government arrived in Somalia Thursday morning while Britain has announced it will send 15,000 blankets, 2,000 kgs of canned mutton and 100 rolls of plastic sheeting to the stricken country Friday, the officials said. Reports from Washington, they added, said the United States has also agreed to send emergency provisions.

Olav Svennevik, head of the U.N. Development Program in Somalia which is

co-ordinating the flood relief work in conjunction with the Somali government, told journalists in Mogadishu Thursday that after meeting with representatives from a number of donor countries, he expected more pledges of emergency assistance within the next few days.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has also appealed to the international community to assist flood victims in both Somalia and Ethiopia.

Heavy rains in Ethiopia's highlands over the past month have caused what many officials here say is the most severe flooding in the area in recent history. Both the Shebelle and Juba Rivers which flow from Ethiopia into Somalia have burst their banks in over 40 places, inundating or isolating scores of villages and refugee camps.

To end diplomatic isolation

Goukouni holding talks in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, May 8 (AFP) — Chadian President Goukouni Quedde has arrived in northern Cameroon for a 24-hour working visit, which is seen here as an attempt to break out of the diplomatic isolation imposed on Chad because of Libyan intervention there.

Goukouni, who is understood to have requested the visit, arrived at the northern town of Ngaoundere Thursday, where he was welcomed by Cameroonian President Ahmadou Ahidjo. It was the first official meeting between the two since Libyan troops helped Goukouni's transitional government end a nine-month civil war in Chad by driving rebel Defense Minister Hissene Habre from the capital, N'djamena, last December.

Goukouni and Ahidjo are expected to discuss latest developments in Chad, including national reconstruction, the future of some 80,000 Chadians who fled here during the civil war and future relations between their two neighboring states.

The Cameroon Tribune meanwhile paid tribute to Goukouni's decision to ask for the meeting. "President Goukouni has been able to appreciate the positive neutrality of our government to the Chadian conflict and assess all the dangers of insecurity at our common borders," it added.

In another development, the newspaper reported that Chad and Libya had apologized to Cameroon following a violation of its airspace by a Libyan MiG-23, which crashed kill-

ling the pilot near the town of Kousseri April 30. The apology follows a protest note from Cameroonian authorities.

Earlier this week, informed sources in N'djamena said that Libyan troops had been withdrawn from the capital's airfield and that the civil airport was expected to reopen for scheduled at the end of the month. The Libyans had been based at the airport, the scene of heavy fighting toward the end of the civil war.

Libya stops visas to Portuguese

LISBON, May 8 (AFP) — Libya has stopped giving visas for Portuguese citizens, the O Diario newspaper reported here Friday.

The Communist organ said Libya was upset that Portugal had not opened an embassy in Tripoli, despite the fact that Libya has had a diplomatic mission — first an embassy, then a "people's bureau" — in Lis-

bon since 1979. O Diario said the Libyans had halted visas at the beginning of the week.

The cutoff, if it continues, will affect the flow of Portuguese workers to Libya, the paper said. There are 5,000 of them there, many working on big public-works projects. O Diario said that 1,000 of those had arrived this year.

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Eritrea has wrested initiative, says leader

PARIS, May 8 (AFP) — Fighters of Eritrea, in Ethiopia's strategic Red Sea province, have "retaken the initiative in the field" against government forces, a spokesman for the fighters said in Paris.

Nafi Kurdi, European representative for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), told a public meeting Thursday that the EPLF fighters had gradually occupied positions around the Ethiopian garrisons in the province. Kurdi said that Ethiopia's Soviet-backed forces did not have the means for another broad offensive, such as they have launched from time to time in the past three years, against the Eritrean fighters.

He said that a political solution to the 19-year Eritrean conflict was possible on the basis proposed by the EPLF: an

internationally-supervised referendum on self-determination.

Eritrea was granted federated status with Ethiopia by the United Nations in 1952, but Ethiopia annexed the territory in 1962, touching off a conflict led first by the Eritrean Liberation Front and then separately by the ELF and the rival EPLF, born of a split in the parent organization.

The fighters made important gains, seizing control of some cities and surrounding the capital, Asmara, up to 1978, when the Ethiopians pushed them out of the urban areas in a Soviet-backed offensive. The meeting here last night was sponsored by organizations of students from Senegal, Mali, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan and Mauritania.

Barre said making more changes

MOGADISHU, May 8 (AP) — High ranking Somali government officials said Thursday that President Siad Barre will continue his shakeup of senior government and party posts. There were major government changes last week and a revitalization of the ruling Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party's internal bureaus.

Diplomats here say they are uncertain of the meaning of the changes, but one ventured: "It seems to us that the president is

juggling positions as he has done before so that no possible opposition is able to entrench itself in a power position. In Somalia, it's necessary not only to take into account people's political and personal aims, but their clan background as well. We are all trying to sort out what Barre is doing," a diplomat said.

Another said: "The pattern is still to emerge but it seems clear that what is going on is more than for just increased efficiency."

Rajai intervenes in ship dispute

TEHRAN, May 8 (R) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai personally intervened Thursday in a dispute between Iran and Kuwait over an American-owned ship seized in a Gulf war zone by the Iranian Navy.

does not formally hold the foreign affairs portfolio. The *Western Sea*, owned by Western Geophysical Company, Texas, sails under Panamanian and Kuwaiti flags and is on charter to the Kuwaiti National Oil Company.

It was seized at the head of the Gulf a week ago after Iran complained that it was operating in Iranian territorial waters. Iran later said the area was declared a war zone at the start of the conflict with neighboring Iraq last September.

Nonaligned team arrives in Iran today

NICOSIA, May 8 (AP) — Nonaligned peace mediators gathered in New Delhi Friday to plan a new mediation effort in the seven-month-old war between Iran and Iraq as the combatants reported fresh fighting and air raids along their 300-mile battlefield.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said in a dispatch from New Delhi that the four members of the nonaligned group were meeting in the Indian capital before proceeding to Tehran and Baghdad.

It said that Ferouk Kaddoumi, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has already arrived in New Delhi and that the other members of the team, Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca and Zambia's Foreign Minister L.K.H. Gome are also participating. The fourth member is India's Foreign Minister P.V.N. Rao.

INA said the group is expected to arrive Tehran Saturday and proceed to Baghdad the next day. There is no fixed agenda for the Delhi talks.

Klaauw to hold talks in Israel

THE HAGUE, May 8 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher van Der Klaauw will fly to Israel Sunday for talks about the prospects of European peace initiative in the Middle East, the foreign ministry said Friday. Klaauw will be acting in his capacity as president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers. He will be flying directly from an informal meeting of EEC foreign ministers in the eastern Dutch town of Venlo this weekend.

Sinai Jewish settlers protest pullout plan

TEL AVIV, May 8 (R) — More than 50,000 Israelis marched through Yamit and surrounding Israeli settlements in the Raffah area of Sinai Thursday to protest against Israel's decision to hand it back to Egypt, the Itim News Agency reported.

The demonstration was organized by local settlers who have founded a "Stop the Retreat from Sinai" movement to try to prevent Israel's withdrawal from the remaining areas of the Sinai peninsula as laid down in its peace agreements with Egypt. Prime Minister Menahem Begin, speaking at a political rally in the occupied West Bank of Jordan, pledged that as long as he remained in power, Israel would not relinquish any part of the

occupied West Bank, the Gaza Strip or Jerusalem.

He told the crowd "I, Menahem Begin, the son of Zeev and Hassia Begin, solemnly declare that as long as I serve the nation as prime minister, we shall not abandon any place in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), the Gaza Strip and Jerusalem for generations to come."

In the Sinai settlements, Israelis were marking the last independence day before Egypt assumes control of the peninsula in April 1982. Some marchers exchanged blows with a group of settlers that support the withdrawal agreement, Israel television said.

Begin leads in opinion poll

TEL AVIV, May 8 (R) — The revived political fortunes of Prime Minister Menahem Begin took a further upward bound Friday with a poll showing his popularity at its highest peak in two years.

The prime minister's handling of the Lebanese missile crisis seemed to contribute strongly to his standing in the *Haaretz* poll. Of those canvassed, 41.7 per cent picked Begin as their most popular government minister.

This was an unusually sharp increase of 10.7 per cent over the previous month and the highest rating Begin has enjoyed since 1979. The questioning was carried out when the Lebanese crisis was unfolding with Israel shooting down two Syrian helicopters and the subsequent installation of Syrian ground-to-air missiles in Lebanon.

Since then, the public approval that greeted Begin's emotional tirade last weekend against West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt indicated that his popularity

must have soared even higher.

Earlier this week, an opinion poll in the English-language *Jerusalem Post* showed Begin's Likud bloc coalition neck-and-neck with the opposition Labor Party in the contest for Israel's general election June 30.

Iraqi official holds talks with Deng

PEKING, May 8 (AFP) — Chinese strongman Deng Xiaoping Friday held talks with visiting Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan, the New China News Agency reported.

It quoted the Chinese vice-chairman as saying Peking wanted to "reinforce its friendly relations" with Iraq.

Ramadan arrived in Peking Wednesday and has already held talks with Premier Zhao Ziyang and Vice-Premier Ji Pengfei.

NCNA said Zhao remarked that "China and Iraq enjoy good relations and have common aspirations to further this relationship. We share many points of view on international affairs."

Ramadan replied: "Friendly relations exist between the two countries and will further develop because they have followed their own independent policies and enjoy age-old friendship." Xinhua news agency added.

It said he hoped for furtherance of economic and technical cooperation between China and Iraq. Later Zhao gave a banquet for Ramadan, it said.

BRIEFS

NICOSIA, (R) — Cyprus and Oman will establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, Foreign Ministry Director-General George Pelagialis said Friday.

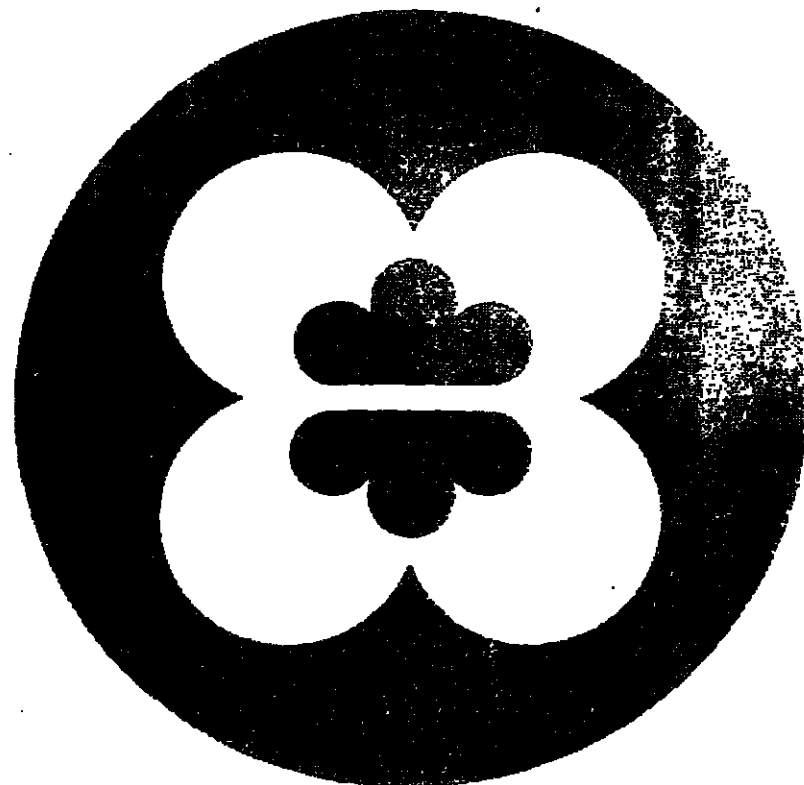
DUBAI, (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has suspended the Arabic language paper *Al Khaleej* and the English language paper *Khaleej Times* for five days for publishing articles about a strike of government employees, journalists on the paper said the paper said here Thursday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Authorities here

banned the distribution of a news magazine on grounds it violated a clampdown on political activity in Turkey, sources reported Friday. They said the ban will be effective only in five of Turkey's 67 provinces, including Istanbul.

EILAT, Israel, (R) — Israel is to build a new civilian airport just north of Eilat, Israel's Red Sea port, 1.5 kms west of the Jordanian airport at Aqaba the mayor of Eilat, Gad Katz, said Thursday.

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ATTRACTIVE: Cairo's historic bazaar, Khan el Khalili, offers a number of products for visitors. Seen above are some of the products. At left, colorful quilting work; attractive tourist kitsch, the famous Egyptian lotus in bright turquoise and gold stripes, center; and at right, copper pot worth its weight.

Cairo bazaars-- home of fascinating goods

By Kathy Lund

CAIRO — How many tourists manage to leave France without a bottle of famous French perfume? Who can turn their backs on Mikimoto pearls or the latest cameras and watches in Japan? Who can resist silks in Thailand, luxury leather goods in Italy or hand-knitted carpets in Iran? When it comes to tourism, shopping certainly rivals sightseeing as the major activity, and if the two can be combined, all the better.

Cairo's historic old Turkish bazaar certainly fits that category. Situated in the heart of fascinating Islamic Cairo the Khan el Khalili is packed with products made by the craftsmen of Egypt. Indeed, many of the products, such as ethnic hand quilting work are crafted just a stone's throw away around the mystical Bab Zuweila district, a place which for the romantic tourist conjures up all the images of what an old fashioned Middle Eastern bazaar should look like.

As with any bazaar you have to sort out the tourist kitsch from the object of real value. But once that is done you realize that Cairo has some fantastic local craftsmanship to offer at extremely reasonable prices — such as silverware, leather products, brass and copper ware, woven ethnic rugs and the above mentioned quilting work.

Some of the greatest value to be found is leatherware of all descriptions, from men's slippers to hand luggage. Of particular interest are made-to-measure shoes and handbags, all made in top quality leather with the latter costing around SR100. If you fancy a particular style take a photograph or some other illustration along and the leather-

worker will make it up very quickly, perhaps in just a couple of days. Local residents say that ladies' fashion boots are particularly good value. Also in the leatherware section look for pouffes, those leather cushions which make such great casual seating at a party. You may choose the smaller decorative variety, such as great casual seating at a party. You may choose the smaller decorative variety, but the really attractive (and practical) ones are the large, about a meter diameter, pouffes made in many pieces of leathers all stitched together in an attractive pattern.

As the gold souks of Saudi Arabia attract both local and international shoppers, so do the silver souks of Egypt. As is the practice here with gold, the silver is sold by weight at whatever the going daily rate happens to be. No real charge craftsmanship.

The most popular silversmith seems to be Saad of Egypt. There are a few signs posted up in the bazaar pointing to the shop, or you can ask directions. However, there are a number of other shops offering very fine silverware. Particularly attractive are silver picture frames in either plain or decorative styles, condiment sets, cutlery, silver platters, serviette rings and numerous other objects including a wide variety of chains, pendants and rings.

Brass and copper wares also abound. In the copperware department a popular choice with tourists (if they aren't worrying about airline weight restrictions) is the copper fowl pot which, as the name suggests, is used for storing fowl beans. It's in attractive size and shape — and certainly worth its weight in

copper. Brass trays, ash trays and bowls also sell like hot cakes.

But some of the most attractive, colorful and unusual craftwork is the applique quilting work in pharaonic and Islamic patterns and scenes. My attention was first drawn to this work in a famous open air chicken barbecue restaurant, called Alberto's, just near the pyramids at Giza. The restaurant was partly covered with colorful tents made from the applique work — very eye-catching to the newcomer.

Back in Cairo, a bit of detective work uncovered the area where they were made a visit revealed that pieces could be made up to order in any size, such as sizes to suit various widths of beds. Back in the bazaar the square pieces that are sold would make memories of the fascinations of Egypt. In a similar vein, the hand-woven rugs in ethnic designs which are found in the bazaar, or along the roadside near the pyramids, make aesthetic souvenirs.

A visit to the Khan el Khalili is a perfect opportunity to see some of the famous Islamic aspects of Cairo. The stopping off point for the bazaar is the Al Azhar Mosque and university, dating back to the year 988. It is reputed to be the most important university of Islam attended by some 25,000 students from all over the Muslim world. Its library has over 20,000 manuscripts. The building is also famous for its sanctuary which has nine aisles and 140 marble columns, six portals and five minarets.

Also nearby is the Museum of Islamic Art with some 30,000 exhibits covering a period of 12 centuries — from the 7th to the 19th. It forms the most comprehensive collection of Islamic art in the world.

Officials blame earthquake

Italy worried over drop in tourist flow

By George Armstrong

ROME (G) — The drop this spring in foreign tourism, by far the most important item in Italy's trade balance, is causing concern not only among the nearly two million Italians working in that field, but at government level. For the past 25 years, tourism has been counted upon by the Bank of Italy to be the annual saviour in the trade balance, and in the years 1977-79 foreign tourism rose each year by eight per cent. This year there are reports of a general drop of from 20 to 30 per cent, with places like the Amalfi-Sorrento coast registering 60 per cent fewer foreigners.

While all tourism statistics everywhere, including the optimistic ones, should be taken with a grain of salt, if only because tourism is not only packaged tours but individual tourists as well, the drop in volume this spring is probably correct. The main reason would be Italy's inflation, which annually has raised the cost of living by at least 20 per cent for the last three years, making her European competitors — Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece — cheaper places for the sun-seekers.

The tourism authorities here also are putting some of the blame on last November's earthquake, which shook Naples and Pompeii, but did little damage to those places as far as the visitor is concerned. It is difficult to believe that the would-be tourist would abandon southern Italy because of the earthquake since no place there, where tourists normally go, was seriously damaged. It is possible to visit all those places today without even being aware that there had been earthquake, and one which devastated much of the interior of southern Italy, but did not extend to the seashore.

The few families left homeless by the quake who accepted lodgings in hotels on the southern coast have returned to their land for agricultural reasons. Those still in hotels will leave soon, or, at least, the government will no longer pay for their food and lodgings. Hotel owners on the Adriatic, in places such as Rimini, Jesolo and Catolica, have reduced their charges. In Naples, tourists will be given a block of coupons which will allow them reductions in shops (up to about sterling 40 a person, during his stay) and will allow the tourists to ride free on buses and trams.

The ministry of tourism has been told that the petrol coupons for foreign tourists cannot be reintroduced because they were often used by people who were not tourists. However, it seems likely that the high tolls on Italy's Autostrada del Sol will be reduced by 50 per cent for foreign cars, and, south of Naples, foreign travellers will pay nothing.

More than the earthquake, though probably not more than the high prices, the decline of tourism in Italy is due to the mini strikes in public transport, to the irregular

hours of the country's museums, and to the appalling traffic and fift in the major cities, particularly in Rome and in Naples. The trade unions are agreed that something must be done about public transport strikes, and a more rational (and national) opening and closing time for museums could in most cases be accomplished by hiring more guards. The problem of traffic and the rubbish is up to the municipal administration and to the citizens

themselves. The near-riot in Florence recently, caused by hundreds of tourists who found that they could not see the famous Riace bronzes, should be a lesson to those concerned about tourism. The tourist could accept the rain that was falling on him and on Florence last weekend, but could not accept an unexpectedly locked door between him and those two fifth-century Greek bronzes.

The Science Column

Artificial skin developed in America

By Harold Jackson

WASHINGTON, (G) — A life-saving artificial skin which can be grafted on to burn victims has been developed by a team at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. It has already been used successfully on ten patients, three of whom would probably have died without it.

The development was announced at a medical seminar by Dr. John Burke, the head of the Boston team. He said manufacture was relatively simple and that stockpiles of the material could eventually be held by hospitals.

The "skin" is produced from a mixture of cowhide, shark cartilage, and plastic and was evolved in joint research by the hospital and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It took ten years to bring it to useable form and its prime advantage is that the recipients did not need drugs to avoid rejection. Though it is still experimental, Dr. Burke said he believed it may well last for life.

He said the substance is soft and pliable and that it looked more and more like natural skin as time passed. It is made in two layers and applied over the burned area shortly after initial hospital treatment. One of the hazards of severe burns is the high risk of infection until the damaged skin has time to heal. The application of any covering helps



PROGRESS: A boy (above) who burnt his leg was able to recover, thanks to the advancement of science which has made it possible to replace the burnt part with artificial skin.

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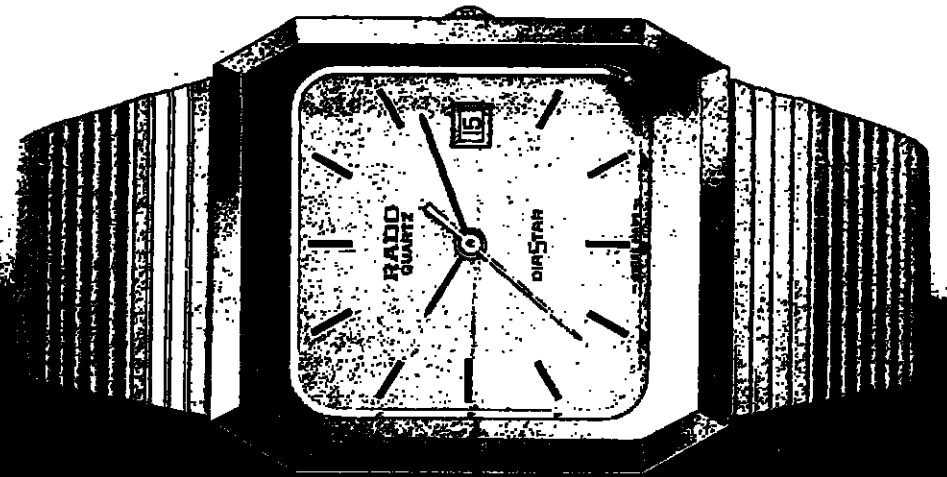
from other parts of the body. Dr. Burke described the process as "building a scaffold on which the natural cells can grow."

"We have a material now that does, in fact, interact with the patient so that the correct types of cells do the correct things as they grow into the dermis". The follow up period for those so far treated has been as long as 16 months, with no signs of major difficulties. There had been no large scar formations and no inflammations or infection.

The material appeared to perform most of the functions of normal skin and had been used on patients with third-degree burns over as much as 90 per cent of the body. The anatomical construction of the substance had proved to be as critical as its chemical composition. The pores, for example, must be about 50 microns apart, as they are on natural skin.

The recipients reported that most of the ordinary sensations had returned to the treated areas and that they could feel pain or distinguish heat and cold. Dr. Burke noted that there were no live nerves at first in a conventional skin graft. "The nerves, which are alive below, send out little processes which grow into the artificial material and into the skin graft. Although the sensation is never absolutely normal, it is so close to normal that nobody ever complains."

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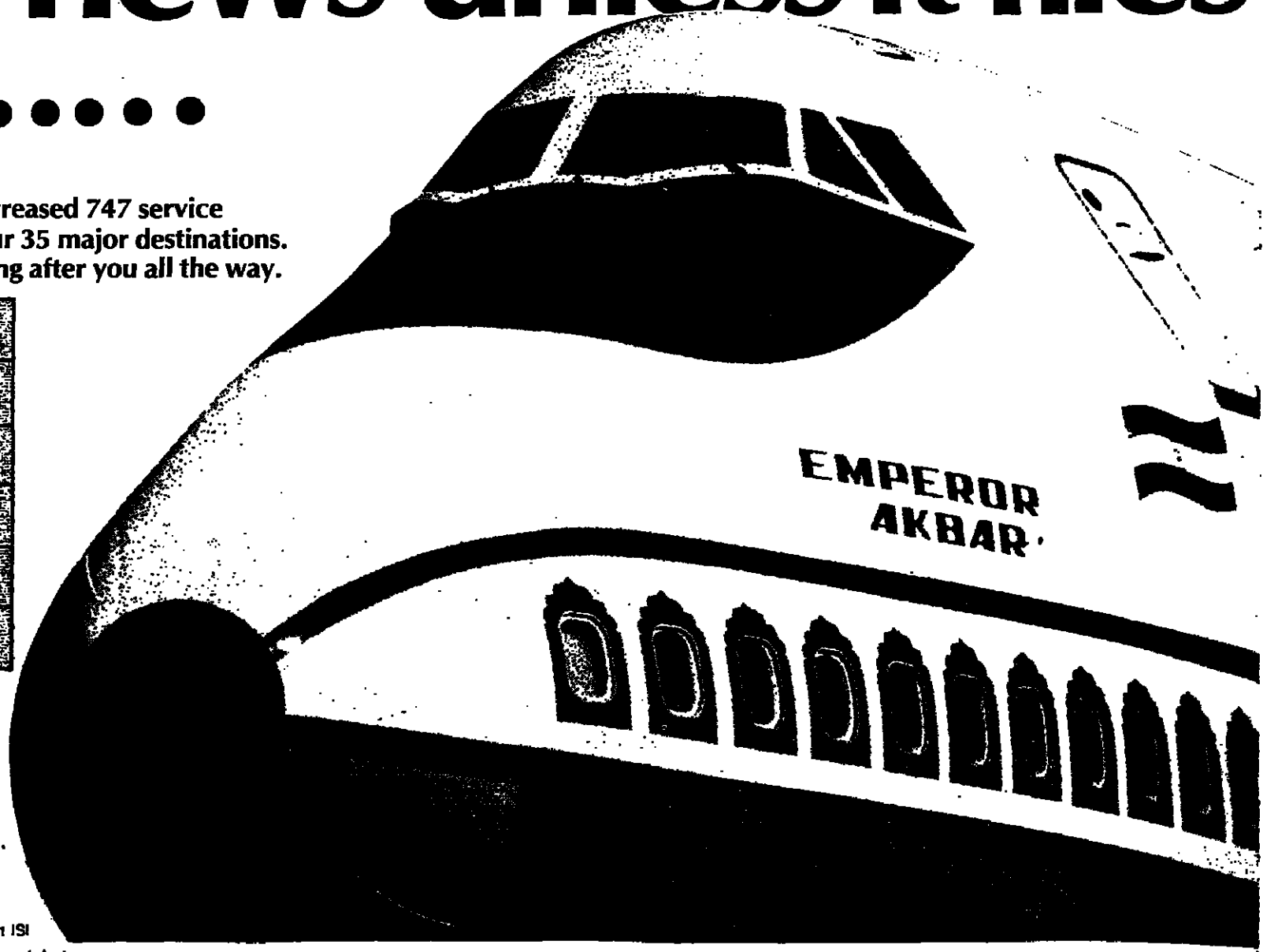
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Communists cite marine manual

U.S. said storing arms in Japan

TOKYO, May 8 (AP) — The Japan Communist Party claims it has new evidence that American nuclear weapons are being stored at a U.S. Marine Corps air station in southwestern Japan, despite Japan's total ban on such arms.

JCP officials said unclassified marine corps documents obtained in the United States present "strong" evidence that nuclear weapons are being stored at Iwakuni air station, about 40 kms from Hiroshima, the world's first atom-bombed city. A spokesman for U.S. forces in Japan would "neither confirm nor deny" the existence of U.S.-made nuclear arms at a particular site.

The Communist Party made the allegations at a news conference, hours before the start of summit talks between Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington.

The country's law stipulates that Japan will not manufacture, use or allow on its territory nuclear weapons of any kind. Opposition parties have long demanded assurances that U.S. forces in Japan do not have nuclear weapons. Prior to Suzuki's departure, Tetsuzo Fuwa, JCP presidium chairman, asked the prime minister to demand the removal of any nuclear weapons held by U.S. forces.

A manual described as being a marine corps document, made available by the JCP to the Associated Press, states that marine wing weapons units (MWWUS), one of which is at Iwakuni, perform tasks such as "maintaining, assembling and testing nuclear weapons for air delivery."

The document is an unclassified manual, Fleet Marine Force Manual (1-1), entitled "Nuclear, chemical, and defensive biological operations in the FMF." It outlines the mis-

sion and responsibilities of various marine units attached to navy fleets.

Shoji Niibara, a member of the JCP secretariat, claimed that the manual, plus testimony last year by then-Undersecretary of Defense Robert W. Komer on MWWUS before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, confirmed that nuclear weapons are being kept at Iwakuni.

At March 6 senate hearings, Komer said the MWWUS "provided both air-delivered chemical and nuclear weapons for aviation

units." Komer's published unclassified testimony did not mention any specific unit or indicate the presence of nuclear weapons at any location.

The JCP also believes Iwakuni, where 4,000 U.S. servicemen are stationed, has a field assembly site for nuclear weapons, such as those mentioned in the document, but Niibara offered no evidence other than JCP observations made from outside the base and an Iwakuni city map.

Arizona finders claim right to name Saturn's 17th moon

TUCSON, Arizona, May 8 (AP) — University of Arizona astronomers say they have confirmed finding Saturn's 17th moon and thus have the right to select its name. The small satellite was recorded on film April 8, 1980, through the university's telescope on nearby Mount Lemmon, but the calculations that confirmed the discovery were completed only Wednesday, said one of its discoverers, Stephen M. Larson.

Since the tentative discovery, the moon had turned up in other photographs taken in France and in one transmitted from Voyager I, the spacecraft which flew by the ringed planet last November. Larson and colleagues S. W. Fountain, Bradford A. Smith and Harold J. Reitsema returned to Mount Lemmon to make the calculations that pinpointed its exact location, orbit and movement.

The 17th moon is one of three that share

the same orbit around Saturn. This one, perhaps 16 to 32 kms in diameter, "leads" the moon named Tethys, which is about 1050 kms. in diameter, and is trailed by another tiny moon, number 16, which was confirmed by French astronomers earlier this year, Smith and Larson said.

Having the three moons in a single orbit is unique, they said. To find out what the moons are made of and how they got into their positions, the schedule would have to be reworked for Voyager II, a second spacecraft on its way to Saturn. It would have to focus on the new moons for closeup photographs when it flies by Saturn in August.

Of the nine Saturn moons that have been named, three were discovered last November by the Voyager I flyby. Smith and Larson discovered the planet's 11th moon in 1977.

Mrs. Gandhi's imprisonment declared void

NEW DELHI, May 8 (AP) — In an unprecedented step, the lower house of India's parliament Thursday declared void its 1978 resolution expelling and jailing Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, then an opposition leader, for contempt and breach of privilege.

A motion describing the earlier decision of the house under the previous Janata (people's) Party government as being "inconsistent" with parliamentary "rules, precedents and conventions" was passed unanimously after most opposition members walked out in protest.

The house voted in December, 1978, to expel and jail Mrs. Gandhi, for interfering while in power, with a 1975 legislative probe of the Maruti automobile company of her late son, Sanjay, who was killed in a stunt plane crash last year. Mrs. Gandhi's one-week imprisonment stirred a nationwide agitation in which 16 persons were killed and more than 125,000 of her supporters arrested. Hundreds of people were injured in the protests, buses were set aflame, trains derailed, government offices attacked and a domestic jetliner hijacked.

The resolution passed Thursday says that the earlier "decision of the house (was) wrong and erroneous" and was the result of a "pre-determined design to vilify Mrs. Indira Gandhi, ... stifle the authentic voice of national dissent ... (and undermine) the democratic processes."

The motion, moved by former house speaker Bali Ram Bhagat and passed in a late night session, also asserted that Mrs. Gandhi was "innocent of the charges leveled against" her. Mrs. Gandhi currently is in Switzerland on an official visit.

Recommending her punishment in 1978, the lower house's privilege committee had found Mrs. Gandhi and two aides guilty of ordering the harassment of four senior government officers who were investigating Sanjay's auto firm. The aides were also arrested.

Bhagat, a member of the ruling Congress Party, said the committee's report "smacked of political vendetta." He said it was the duty of the house to "undo the wrong committed earlier." Law Minister Shiv Shankar, supporting Bhagat, said "we will be blamed of having committed a sin" if the house did not adopt the motion. However, most opposition members questioned the right of parliament to revise an earlier decision before the legislators walked out.

The Janata Party ended Mrs. Gandhi's 11 years as prime minister with a landslide victory in India's 1977 general elections. Mrs. Gandhi, 63, returned to power in January, 1980.

Hunt for extortionist

London market food poisoned

LONDON, May 8 (AP) — Police hunted Friday for an extortionist who poisoned food on supermarket shelves with a deadly weed killer and demanded 500,000 sterling (\$1.05 million) to stop doing it. The hunt started Wednesday after delivery of the ransom note to the American-owned Safeway chain of stores and super markets.

In a massive search of all the company's 91 retail outlets of Britain, three glass jars containing paraquat poison were discovered at supermarkets in Birmingham and at Forbury and Southior in Lancashire. One of the poisoned jars contained gherkins (small

cucumbers) and the others bologna sauce and tomato juice.

There is no known antidote to paraquat, a common weed killer used by gardeners and easily available. Safeway staff worked night and day checking the safety of goods on sale.

However, a police spokesman said other poisoned jars could have been put on the shelves after the searches. Detective superintendent Kenneth Tappenden leading the hunt from the Safeway headquarters near Maidstone, Kent, said "there is every possibility that the writer of the ransom letter may strike again."

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Nepal to hold election today

KATMANDU, May 8 (R) — Nepal will hold its first general elections for 22 years Saturday but several major opposition groups have called for a boycott of the polls.

Political parties have been banned in Nepal since parliament was abolished in 1960 and the groups have said the elections are undemocratic. The most important, the outlawed Nepali Congress Party, has led the boycott campaign and party sources say some of its members have been arrested. Its acting president, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, was detained last Sunday after he called at a public meeting for a boycott. But he was freed a day later.

More than 7.7 million people are eligible to vote but the turnout will depend largely on whether voters heed the boycott call. The election is being held under constitutional changes announced last December by King Birendra.

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Discovering friends and foes

U.S. to order study of U.N. voting style

UNITED NATIONS, May 8 (AP) — The Reagan administration signaled its intention Thursday to take increased account of how countries vote at the United Nations in rewarding America's friends and punishing its enemies.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, told newsmen at a background briefing that "the fundamental question is: Does the United States seem to be adding in power or decreasing in power... This will affect the tone in which countries address us (and) their willingness to vote with us or against."

For years, he said in an apparent reference to the Third World, some countries have "addressed us in a tone they would not dream of using toward the Soviet Union... There was feeling it didn't matter. The Americans don't take it seriously. They never reward you much for being a friend. They never punish you for being an enemy. I think that if the United States is seen to be a power on the ascendency, more attention will be paid to all of our positions."

"Let's not kid ourselves," the official said, "there are countries with whom we have such important relationships that the fact that they may not vote with us on one issue or many issues is going to be greatly outweighed by a number of other factors and I don't want to be misunderstood as saying that how someone votes in the United Nations is the central factor in the bilateral relationship we develop with them. But too often it has not been a factor."

The official did not identify the countries

but he was evidently referring to those such as Saudi Arabia, the principal foreign supplier of oil to the United States. Saudi Arabia has consistently maintained the Arab policy while voting on General Assembly resolutions condemning all Israeli actions.

Another country in that category would be Mexico, which last week voted in the Security Council for mandatory political and economic sanctions against South Africa. The United States, acting with Britain and France, vetoed the sanctions resolutions.

The official said he intended to prepare U.N. voting records of various countries for newly appointed U.S. ambassadors so that they could take up the matter with foreign ministries of the countries to which they had been assigned.

Then, he went on, "if someone comes around and says: 'I need more foreign aid. I need more technical assistance. I need more money.' You say: 'Well... wait a second. Last week there was an interesting question that arose in the United Nations. There was a close vote. Where were you?' You begin... to tie rewards and punishment to actual behavior."

The official maintained that an anti-American majority was declining at the United Nations "because we are seen and will be seen as more and more powerful in the world because the Soviets are being better and better understood within the United Nations for what they are."

He maintained that the United States now was stronger at the United Nations than it has been in a decade.

Cancer claims artists, study shows

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP) — A new U.S. government study indicates that professional artists are dying of cancer at an excessively high rate, adding weight to growing concerns about occupational hazards in the arts.

Preliminary results of the study, conducted by the National Cancer Institute, indicate that deaths due to leukemia and bladder, kidney and brain cancers are higher for white male artists than men in general.

Frequencies of colon, rectum and prostate cancers also were higher than expected in this group, the study said. It also found higher than the expected number of rectum, lung and breast cancers in white female

artists than in comparable women in the general population.

Barry A. Miller and Aaron Blips of the institute's environmental epidemiology branch said that until now there have been no figures to back up suspicions that artists face an increased risk of cancer, possibly because of some of the materials they use. "This is the first time that we have had numbers to point to," Miller said in an interview.

But, he said the statistical study of death certificates of 1,598 white artists does not prove that certain chemicals or practices cause cancer in humans. "This type of study has its limits," Miller said, "but it does show that there is a problem and that there needs

to be further research to pin it down."

The study compared the observed number of cancer deaths in artists with those of the general population, with adjustments for age, race, sex and calendar year of death.

The artists were those listed in "Who's Who in American Art" who died between 1940 and 1969. At total of 2,154 deaths are being examined, but death certificates are not in yet on all of them, Miller said.

The study found certain cancers to be more pronounced among artists with particular specialties. Prostate cancer deaths were slightly higher than expected among painters, Miller noted, and significantly higher among sculptors.

Labor wins county polls

LONDON, May 8 (AP) — The opposition Labor Party took hundreds of seats from the ruling Conservatives in elections for new county councils in England and Wales, according to results announced early Friday. The Tories lost control to Laborites and Liberals even in rural strongholds like Berkshire and Gloucestershire.

With comparable results in from the Thursday voting for 20 of the 53 councils, Labor had 367 gains and 3 losses, and the Conservatives 4 gains and 423 losses. The third-party Liberal had 90 gains and 1 loss and independents and other 17 gains and 51 losses among them.

In London, Labor won 50 seats and Liberals 1 to the Tories' 41 seats, reversing the last election result in 1977 when the Tories won 63 seats to Labor's 29. The elections were the first major test of public opinion since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government ousted Labor in the May 1979 general election.

Lord Fermoy, uncle of royal bride-to-be Lady Diana Spencer, lost his Berkshire County Council Tory seat at Lambourn to a Liberal, and his party lost control of the council as Labor took 14 Tory seats and the Liberals 10.

The swing to Labor across the country ranged from 12 to 15 per cent.

Cirillo fears death

NAPLES, Italy, May 8 (AP) — Two letters signed by a kidnapped regional councilman held by the Red Brigades hinted Thursday that the terrorists will kill unless the government seizes empty houses and gives them to homeless earthquake victims, police said.

The left-wing urban guerrillas still have not set specific conditions for releasing Cirillo, a prominent local politician who was abducted April 27.

But the letters suggested that the terrorists won't free him unless local authorities take major steps to find shelter for the more than 200,000 persons who have been living in camping trailers, abandoned houses, and other temporary shelter since the Nov. 23 earthquake in southern Italy.

4 Americans die in tavern shoot-out

SALEM, Oregon, May 8 (AP) — A man who allegedly fired an automatic pistol into a crowded rock 'n' roll tavern, killing four persons and wounding at least 20 before being wrestled to the ground, faced arraignment Friday on murder charges. At least 10 of the wounded were in critical condition after the shooting Thursday night, authorities said.

"He didn't say nothing. He just opened the door and started firing," said Brent Yagle, a patron at the Oregon Museum Tavern. "I didn't think the shots were real until I saw people dropping."

"The first thing I did was grab for the gun," said Ashley Mitchell, a patron who helped subdue the man. "I struck him four times on the head." The gunman, hit on the head with a pool cue, was held by customers until police

arrived.

Police arrested Lawrence W. Moore, 25, Lyons, Oregon, and booked him on charges of first-degree murder. Sgt. Gary Kinsman said. Moore was scheduled for arraignment Friday. "We have no idea of the motive at this point," Kinsman said "it's still pretty much in a turmoil."

At least 10 ambulances were called in from surrounding communities to take the injured to Salem hospital, Kinsman said. Relatives swarmed to the hospital as news of the shooting spread.

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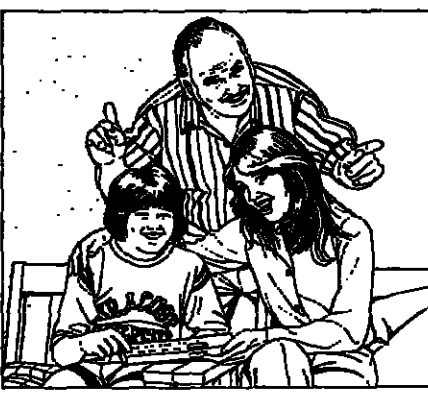
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Turkey to receive \$940m from OECD

PARIS, May 8 (AFP) — Turkey's partners in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have promised some \$940 million worth of aid to Turkey in 1981 with a contribution of \$350 million from the United States, reliable sources have said here.

The sources, close to an OECD meeting discussing help for Turkey, said Thursday the U.S. aid would compensate partly for a

reduction in aid from West Germany which last year gave the same amount as the U.S. — \$295 million. West Germany Thursday promised aid of 460 million marks against 560 million last year.

The total figure of \$940 million compares with \$1,160 million worth of aid given to Turkey last year by 17 OECD countries, but does not include possible contributions from Switzerland, Austria and Sweden. In 1980 these three countries allocated credits worth \$62.5 million.

Japan, Italy and France are among the major donors, with Japan maintaining its aid at \$100 million and Italy at \$115 million, the sources said.

They were the only countries, apart from the U.S., to denominate their aid in dollar, while France promised 420 million francs.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	91.00	8.70	8.94
Belgian Franc (1,000)	2.80	3.20	—
Canadian Dollar	149.00	151.00	147.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	134.00	138.00	133.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	4.01	4.29
Egyptian Pound	—	91.25	91.60
Emirates Dirham (100)	63.00	64.00	62.50
French Franc (100)	—	66.00	61.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	40.35
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	8.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	30.00	32.00	30.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	15.50	—	15.55
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.30	10.18
Kuwait Dinar	—	12.23	12.14
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.10	80.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50	67.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Pound Sterling	7.11	7.16	7.09
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.30	92.45
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	37.30	—
Swiss Franc (100)	163.00	172.00	161.95
Syrian Lira (100)	—	52.65	86.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
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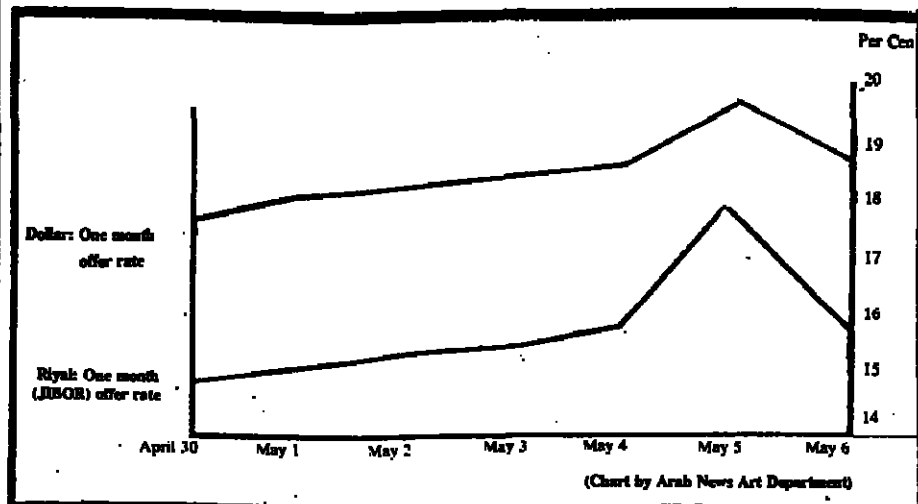
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Silver cash (pence per ounce)	521.50	517.00
3 months	538.00	533.00
Copper cash	830.50	828.25
3 months	853.25	850.75
Tin cash	5892.50	5890.00
3 months	5995.00	5995.00
Lead cash	324.50	327.00
3 months	332.50	334.50
Zinc cash	411.00	405.00
3 months	420.50	412.50
Aluminium cash	617.00	613.00
3 months	636.50	633.00
Nickel cash	3040.00	3030.00
3 months	3020.00	3020.00
Sugar August	179.50	180.10
October	181.00	182.20
Coffee May	1059.00	1057.00
July	1070.50	1071.00
Cocoa May	910.00	911.50
July	926.00	930.50

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6453908, Jeddah.

Dollar records unique week



By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 8 — The dollar had an extraordinary week. On the interest rate front, dollar deposit (inter-bank) rates rose from 17 11/16 per cent one-month offer rates on April 30 to a peak of 19 13/16 per cent in the same tenor on May 5. American prime lending rates were pushed up from 17 1/2 per cent to a 18 per cent on April 30 by Chase Manhattan (quickly followed by Morgan Guaranty) and to 19 per cent on May 4 by Citibank, Morgan and Continental Illinois. Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rate reached a high of 24 per cent on April 29/30 before declining to 17 1/4 per cent levels on May 5.

Major underlying reasons for the hike in dollar interest rates continued to be worries about inflation and the control of the money supply which rose by \$4.8 billion under the M1-B measure on May 1. Secondly, there continued to come some hawkish statements about an aggressive monetary policy from the U.S. administration officials.

Local rial deposit rates reflected the dollar's fortunes. Rates continued to firm quickly all week, rising to a peak on May 5 before declining when news of the lowering of the "Fed funds" rate in New York hit the market. The budget details released on May 4 showed that the government was planning to spend SR 298 billions in fiscal 1401/1402

out of projected revenues of SR 340 billions. No immediate effect on market till new government disbursements are made.

One the European exchanges, the dollar reached new high levels against all currencies especially from May 4 onwards. Despite some technical fallbacks, mainly due to dealers profit taking, the dollar broke a ten-year record against the French franc reaching 5.41 levies on May 5, and two-year record against the mark and sterling reaching 2.2750 and 2.0930 respectively against both currencies, also on May 5, the dollar fell slightly after some fairly heavy central bank interventions in support of national currencies.

It is interesting to note here Tuesday, May 4, a senior American spokesman was quoted as saying that the United States would reconsider the use of the swap mechanism volumes established under the Carter administration to support the dollar in the foreign exchange markets. The implication here was that of a relatively strong dollar for some time to come.

Gold and silver had a quiet trading week with prices falling on the dollar's strengthening. There was some buying around April 30 — May 1 based on international fears over Lebanon. Gold prices though moved erratically from \$478 per ounce levels on April 30 to \$490 on May 2 to \$480 on May 6.

Iraq, China sign trade agreement

PEKING, May 8 (R) — China and Iraq Friday signed two agreements on trade and economic and technical cooperation, the New China News Agency reported.

It said the trade agreement was signed by Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Li Qiang and Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali, and the economic and technical cooperation accord by Li and Iraqi Housing and Construction Minister Muhammad Fadhil.

The two Iraqi ministers were visiting China together with First Deputy Prime Minister Yassin Ramadan, who earlier had a meeting with Chinese Communist Party Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Details of the agreements and the talks were not disclosed. The Iraqi delegation later left for Bangladesh.

London stock market

LONDON, May 8 — Equities were generally firmer Friday and government bonds again made small gains, but trading in both sectors was quiet, dealers said. At 150 hours, the forward trading index was up 4.3 to 568.9.

Oils were in demand, BP and Shell adding 12p and 10p respectively. Global natural resources firmed to 989 around midday on speculation concerning the size of the arctic oil find in which it has an interest, but the share eventually closed 50p higher at 96 1/2.

Gold shares were higher with the slight rise in the bullion price. U.S. and Canadian issues were also generally firmer.

Government bonds were 1/4 point higher: the official close, but put on another 1/4 point in after hours business when no new 'buy' announcement was made, dealers said.

Australian banks continued active after news of merger talks between the National Bank of Australia, which ended a year lower, and Commercial Banking Company Sydney which firmed 118p.

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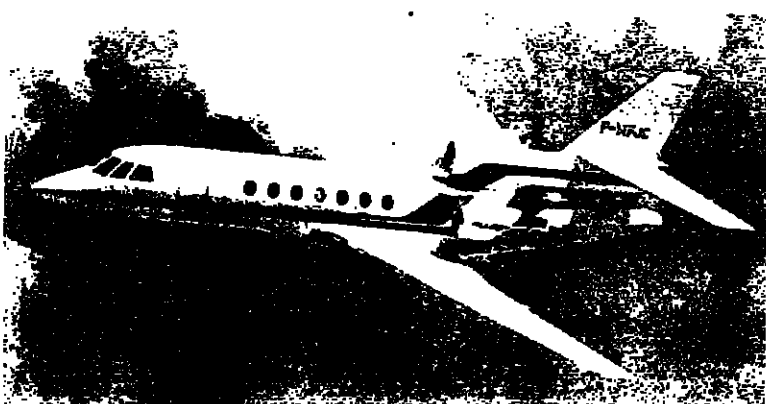
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Triumph for Reagan

Congress approves \$689b budget plan

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP) — A unanimous Republican minority teamed with scores of Democrats Thursday as the House of Representatives passed a \$689 billion budget plan, drafted to President Ronald Reagan's prescription for economic recovery of the United States through massive cuts in spending and taxes.

It was the finest legislative hour to date for Reagan. In the more critical of two separate tallies, the president reaped all of the 190 Republican votes and scored 63 of the 241 Democratic seats to prevail on a margin of 253 to 176.

Reagan had lobbied intensively to get his measure through the one chamber where Democrats have numerical control. But conservative Democrats aligned with the unanimous Republican minority to choose Reagan's austerity spending plan for 1982 over an alternative backed by the Democratic leadership.

After the key vote which made Reagan's plan the order of business, final passage was sealed by a margin of 270 to 154.

Opponents of the president's proposal assailed it to the end. "Do you want to meander the programs that made America great, or

do you want to go slow in correcting errors of the past?" House Speaker Thomas O'Neil said as he concluded debate in a chamber where hundreds of Congressmen listened silently and a packed gallery watched intently.

"You close the door on America" when voting for the Reagan-backed bill, he declared.

But representative Phil Gramm of Texas, a conservative Democrat instrumental in lining up votes to pass the plan, said, "you are asking that America's traditional economic and political values be allowed to work against."

Although the Democrats hold a majority of 241-190, it was clear in days leading up to the vote that the house was ready to back a president whose popularity, already high, soared in the day following a March 30 assassination attempt.

In another development, the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, wrapping up work on its major military authorization bill for the 1982 fiscal year, added more than \$1 billion in new airplanes and other equipment for national guard and reserve forces while slashing a similar amount from research work on some high-technology items.

To limit car exports

Japan rejects Canadian plea

TOKYO, May 8 (R) — Japan has rejected Canada for similar treatment after last week's agreement by the Tokyo government to limit exports of Japanese cars to the United States, government sources have said.

The demand came on Thursday, the first of

two days of talks on the surging exports of Japanese cars to Canada.

But Japanese officials merely told the Canadian delegation that the government would ask the Japanese car industry to refrain from flooding the Canadian market with cars diverted from the United States, the sources said.

French pilots threaten strike

PARIS, May 8 (R) — France's main airline pilots' union has threatened a national strike over a pilot suspended for refusing to fly arms to Libya.

The threat by the SNPL union followed a statement Tuesday by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during a debate with Socialist challenger Francois Mitterrand over France's arms sales to Libya.

Giscard d'Estaing said France had halted arms deliveries to Libya since Libya's military involvement in Chad earlier this year. Mitterrand challenged him and asked whether France had not sold missiles and other equipment to Libya the same month.

EEC to press for textile import curbs

GENEVA, May 8 (Agencies) — The United States and the European Economic Community have said they are determined to safeguard their textile industry and, therefore, would press for import curbs in a new international trade pact.

Developing countries with textiles to export however, asked Thursday for equal treatment of their products on the markets of industrialized countries.

In a joint statement they denounced the current international textile agreement as "an instrument of discrimination" that is being applied against them while textile trade among industrialized states continued growing.

Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo of Columbia warned the 50-nation textile committee of the general agreement on tariffs and trade that limiting imports from developing states was "short-sighted and self-defeating."

Speaking for the developing textile producers, Jaramillo said continued expansion of textile imports was "an absolute condition to the symmetrical expansion of developing countries" demands for products of industrialized countries.

"We cannot find words strong enough to emphasize this point... if developed countries curtail our opportunities to export, they will be impeding our capacity to buy not only textile inputs and machinery, but airplanes, computers, capital equipment, from their own firms, from their own industries," he said.

Kuwait grants \$100m to Japanese firm

KUWAIT, May 8 (AP) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) is leading a \$100 million 15-year loan in favor of Nippon Kokan Kabushiki-Kaisha Company of Japan, the KFTCIC has announced.

The loan, in convertible bonds, carries 6.75 per cent interest. The KFTCIC said a consortium of Japanese, European and Arab banks will participate in the loan.

The KFTCIC also announced it was co-leading along with the French Societe Generale another \$100 million loan for Nationale de Los Ferrocarriles Espanolese.

It said that a number of banks in Japan and Luxembourg also will participate in administering the eight-year loan.

Sparks may fly at OPEC talks, analysts say

By Thomas Thomson

KUWAIT, May 8 (R) — The next OPEC meeting in Geneva on May 25 is likely to result in an oil price freeze. The Geneva meeting promises to be a stormy confrontation between Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, who has said Saudi Arabia has maintained high output in a drive to stabilize prices, and ministers of most, if not all the other 12 members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter and leading price moderate, charges \$32 for a barrel of Arabian oil crude, traditionally the marker on which other members of OPEC align their prices with differentials added for quality.

Sheikh Yamani argues that prices have ranged too far above the Saudi Arabian

Facing oil glut

marker, noting that free market rates for top quality oil are well below contract rates asked for such grades — \$39.25 by non-OPEC Britain through \$40 asked by Algeria and Nigeria to Libya's \$41 a barrel.

The Kingdom wants the gap narrowed to make feasible a new OPEC system, indexing prices to the West's inflation and economic growth, designed to ensure a more stable economy.

But at a gathering of Arab oil ministers here this week, sentiment was strong against price cuts as a way out to narrow the gap and very much in favor of a Saudi Arabian output cut to restore a balance between supply and demand, analysts said.

Yamani's only comment to reporters was to say he had not requested a price cut. Analysts said, however, he may simply have meant he did not favor a cut below the \$32 official

marker price to which only Saudi Arabia adheres. In Madrid, on April 27 he said: "We are not going to propose a below \$32 because that is the official price of OPEC."

Analysts said that even in the present glut some aggressive producers might be tempted to leapfrog and boost their prices. Kuwait, for example, tried hard to impose premiums on top of its official \$35.50 a barrel selling price in contract talks last month major Western oil companies.

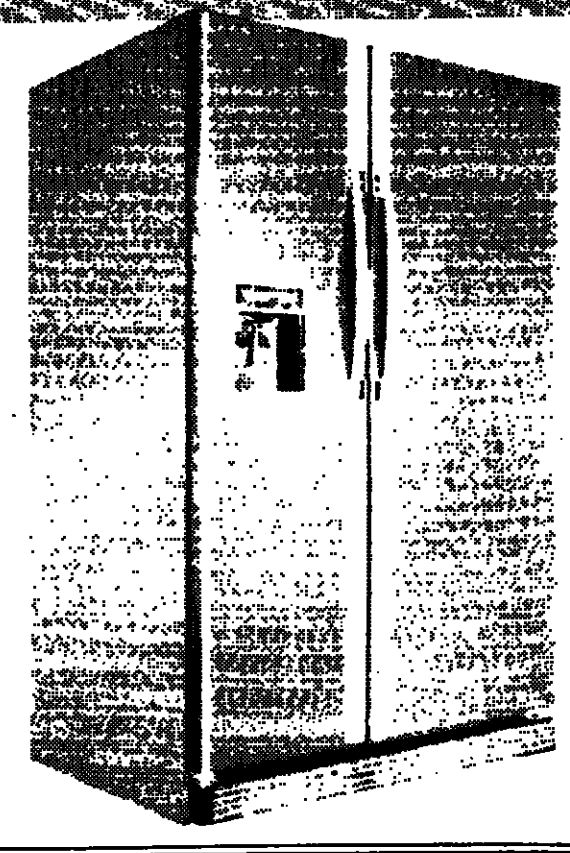
The glut has already forced OPEC and some other exporters such as Malaysia cut premiums imposed on top of their official selling prices last month, non-OPEC Egypt was forced to reduce prices and the U.S. Ashland Company ended a contract for 10,000 BPD high-priced Nigerian oil. Free market prices are down at \$34 a barrel for Arabian light and around \$35.50 for quality grades.

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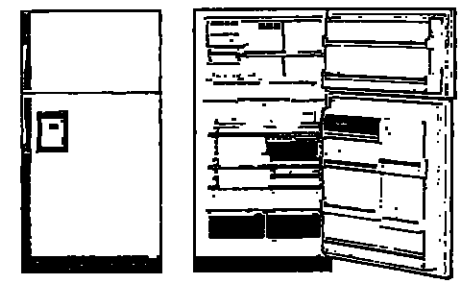


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Malone in dazzling form

Rockets upset Celtics in thriller

BOSTON, Massachusetts May 8 (AP) — Moses Malone, Houston's dominating center, scored 31 points to lead the Rockets to a 92-90 upset of the Boston Celtics Thursday night, tying the National Basketball Association Championship series at one victory apiece.

The Celtics held an 82-75 edge with 7:09 to play, but were limited to just eight points the rest of the way as the Rockets rallied to win. Houston outscored Boston 22-8 from the foul-line, getting 11 of those free throws from Malone. The next two games of the best-of-seven playoff final will be played in Houston Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The victory broke Boston's 14-game winning streak against the Rockets, a string dating back to Dec. 12, 1978. Despite committing 12 turnovers and being outscored 12-1 from the foul-line, the Celtics held a 49-45 halftime advantage on the strength of 62 per cent field goal shooting compared to 33 per cent by the Rockets.

Billy Paultz scored a pair of baskets and Mike Dunleavy hit a jumper to start the third quarter, giving Houston a 51-49 lead, before Boston responded with 11 straight

points. Robert Parish and Chris Ford hit jumpers, Rick Robey scored on a tip-in, Nate Archibald made a three-point play and Robey made a layup for a 60-51 Celtics lead.

But the Rockets refused to fold. They outscored Boston 17-8 the remainder of the period, Calvia Murphy hitting an 18-foot jumper to tie the score at 68 heading into the fourth quarter.

Five points by Larry Bird, who led Boston with 19 points, helped the Celtics take their 82-75 lead with 7:09 to go, but once again the Rockets bounced back and outscored Boston 12-4, going in front 87-86 a free throw by Malone with 2:49 left.

A hook shot by Cedric Maxwell put Boston back on top, but reserve forward Bill Wiloughby regained the lead for Houston at 89-88 with a jumper from the left corner with 2:10 remaining.

Boston was unable to score on its next three possessions, Maxwell and Bird missing jumpers and Malone intercepting a pass, before reserve guard Allen Leavell hit a 10-foot jumper for a 91-88 Rockets lead with 28 seconds to go.

Archibald sank two free throws 10 seconds later to pull Boston within one, but Mike Dunleavy made one of two free throws with 11 seconds left for the final margin.

Archibald missed a 20-foot jumper for Boston in the closing seconds. Wiloughby added 14 points for the Rockets and Paultz scored 13. Bird grabbed 21 rebounds for the Celtics, who had won all 29 previous games this season in which they had limited their opponents to less than 100 points.

It was Houston's eighth playoff victory away from home, an NBA record. The previous mark of seven was held by the 1968 Boston Celtics. The Rockets are 8-4 playoff games on the road.

Aussies shot out cheaply

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, May 8 (AP) — Sri Lanka flattered with the ball but failed with the bat to hammer home a major advantage at the end of the second day's play of the unofficial 'Test' against Australia Friday.

The visitors, in serious trouble overnight with five wickets down for 103, found the off-spin-leg-spin combination of Lalith Kaluperuma and Ajith de Silva virtually unplayable Friday too and were all out for 124 with only Yallop who scored 25 showing many signs of coping with the bowling.

At close of play, Sri Lanka was 150 for six with most of the better batsmen back in the pavilion. Dias who played with confidence on a wicket which gave the Aussies pacemen very little assistance remains the home team's best hope with an unbeaten 63.

Brief scores: Aussies 124 (Yallop 25; Ajit de Silva 6 for 36, Lalith Kaluperuma 3 for 35) vs Sri Lanka 150 for 6 (Roy Dias not out 63, Ranjan Madugalle 25; Grame Beard 4 for 54).

On leaders BTC

Hochtief keeps pressure

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, May 8 — The Jeddah Squash League resumed last Sunday after the mid-season break and in the "A" Division, second-placed Hochtief took seven out of a possible nine points in their match against Streeters, to maintain pressure on current leaders BTC, who did not have a match. BTC was scheduled to play Dunes, but the latter have withdrawn and no points are being awarded for fixtures against them.

Hochtief were possibly expecting an even better result but Mike Wade and Frank Bell crashed to Doug Christie and Miles Babcock, giving three valuable points to the visiting team.

Four teams are fighting to avoid relegation. (Dunes are already down) and of these, Bedouins made the best start to the second half of the season. Bedouins were formerly Watsons, but they considered their constantly changing teams and decided Bedouins was more suitable. Names aside, they crushed Andalus Village 5-0, gaining nine valuable points and moving above Andalus Village and Riofinex. The latter crashed 5-0 to Grey Mackenzie and now occupy bottom position. The disastrous results could perhaps have been improved had not Riofinex been handicapped by the late withdrawal of one of their star players.

In the "B" Division: Armaska look set for a quick return to the "A" Division, currently leading the second-placed team by ten points.



THE BIG THREE: Boxing promoter Don King (center) together with Larry Holmes (left) and Leon Spinks at a news conference Wednesday when it was announced that Holmes will defend his heavyweight title for the tenth time against Spinks. The bout is to be held at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena on June 12.

Kendall succeeds Lee

LIVERPOOL, May 8 (AP) — Howard Kendall Friday was appointed as manager of English First Division soccer club Everton. Kendall, who played for Preston in the 1964 F.A. Cup final when he was only 17, succeeds Gordon Lee who was fired Wednesday.

Kendall previously was in charge of Blackburn Rovers, which finished fourth in the Second Division this season. His appointment was announced after discussions with Everton chairman Philip Carter.

Kendall spent a decade as a player with Everton, winning six England under 23 caps. He was considered the best uncapped mid-field player in the country. He enjoyed great success as a player-manager with Blackburn, winning promotion from the Third Division in his first season.

Blackburn is expected to seek substantial compensation for the loss of Kendall, who

still had three years of his contract to serve.

Four more managers were sacked this week, bringing the total for the season to 33. The men to go this week besides Gordon Lee of Everton were John Neal of Middlesbrough, Stan Anderson of Second Division Bolton Wanderers, and Mike Green of Torquay and Mick Jones of Mansfield.

Four of the 22 First Division clubs currently are looking for managers. And there are no shortage of takers for the positions, which generally pay in excess of £50,000 (\$120,000) a year.

Sunderland has had hundreds of applications, many of them from eccentrics, for its post. The previous incumbent, Ken Knighton, steered the team to promotion to the First Division last season. This year Sunderland was in the bottom of half of the standings. Knighton had to go.

Middlesbrough manager John Neal was dismissed after club chairman Charles Amer spoke of "shocking games, bad results and the need for complete re-organisation." Middlesbrough finished in the middle of the standings after playing some of its most entertaining soccer for years. Neal said: "I am not bitter. I am not that sort of person."

Bolton's Stan Anderson, who was given only 15 months to re-organise a poor team, said wryly: "At least I am in good company." There are now a record nine managerial vacancies in the football league, and a number of the men sacked this week will have happily pocketed the remainder of their contract safe in knowledge they will be in charge of another club before the start of next season.

The managerial merry-go-round is very much a part of English Soccer. Everybody expects it.

Tueart's hopes dashed again

LONDON, May 8 (R) — Manchester City striker Dennis Tueart suffered his second disappointment of the week Friday afternoon when he learned his only interest in the 100th Football Association (F.A.) Cup final would be in the role of spectator.

Tueart, 31, who collected a winner's medal with Sunderland, was left out of the City side to face Tottenham named by manager John Bond on Tuesday. But he looked to have earned a last-minute reprieve when 21-year-old striker Dave Bennett suffered a thigh injury in training the following day.

Tueart was immediately put on standby for an appearance in the glamour occasion of the English Football season, but his hopes were dashed for a second time when Bennett passed a vigorous fitness test Friday.

Capped six times by England, Tueart has the consolation of four Wembley appearances behind him, twice in internationals, with Sunderland in 1973, and with Manchester City in the 1976 League Cup final when he scored a spectacular goal with an overhead kick in the 2-1 victory over Newcastle.

In contrast, Bennett has never seen Wembley Stadium, far less graced the famous turf hallowed by footballers throughout the world. But his first appearance was guaranteed after a strenuous workout supervised by City assistant manager John Benson.

Hilal qualify

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 8 — Hilal qualified to meet Nasr in the final of the King's Cup Football tournament when they prevailed over Ittihad by the odd goal in three Friday.

Hilal held the lion's share of the exchange in the first session, wherein they spurred to a 2-0 lead through goals by Saleh Naimah and Obadi Al Hathloul.

But the second session, saw them on the defensive as Ittihad exerted pressure and reduced the margin through Eric Pierre. The success, saw Ittihad go all out but they failed to strike again.

Morocco moves up

CAIRO, May 8 (R) — Egypt made their exit from the World Cup Soccer tournament when they drew their second-leg of the African Group qualifying round against Morocco goalless here Friday. Morocco won the first leg 1-0.

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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

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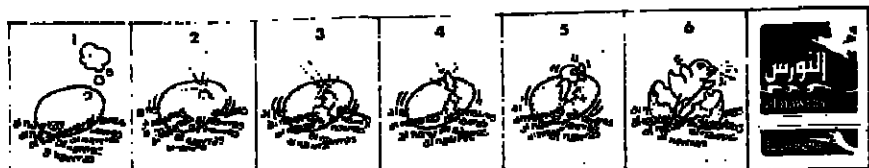
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Spain halts for two minutes

Protests terrorism nationwide

MADRID, May 8 (AP) — Schools, factories, communications, traffic and the government stopped for two minutes in Spain Friday as a sign of protest against terrorism threatening to deepen a domestic political crisis.

On busy Rio Rosas Avenue in Madrid, traffic ground to halt and motorists stood silently beside their cars. The scene was repeated nationwide.

Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo interrupted a cabinet session to observe the silence as the government was reported preparing emergency measures against terrorism to try to stem new tension after the slaying of three military men by Basque separatists.

The government met just ahead of funerals for the three slain officers. A government official said the measures would include putting diplomatic pressure on France to try to control separatist activity and support for the Spanish Basques on the French side of the border.



MADRID FRISKING: A Spanish policeman searches a man for arms at the Retiro Park in Madrid Thursday following a terrorist attack that killed three military personnel and wounded the chief military adviser of King Juan Carlos.

The two minutes of silence called for by Parliament's major parties also was observed at the 35-nation European security conference now under session in Madrid. But angry right-wingers continued their demonstrations against the government, shouting for the army to seize power and for machine guns to kill the separatists.

An estimated 3,000 of the rightists Friday swarmed around the street corner where the three army men were killed. Police reported no incidents. Police, meanwhile, reported they had identified the terrorists of the Basque separatist organization ETA who bombed an official army car Thursday, killing the three army men in an attempt to assassinate King Juan Carlos' chief military adviser.

They said the two ETA guerrillas on a motorbike who pulled alongside Gen. Joaquin de Valenzuela's official car at a Madrid stoplight and placed a plastic bag with a lethal explosive on the car's roof, were Jose Maria Perziartua, 28, and Jose Leon Mazusta, 27.

Mazusta was identified earlier as the pur of the motorbike used in the attack. Valenzuela, the head of the king's military household, was reported recovering satisfactorily from wounds in the explosion that injured another 14 persons.

In northern Spain, police arrested 17 members of the pro-ETA Herri Batasuna (people's union) Party near San Sebastian and seven party members, including three city councilmen, in Pamplona.

W. German magazine prints Charles' talks

MUNICH, May 8 (AP) — A West German magazine has printed transcripts of purportedly bugged phone calls between Prince Charles and his fiancée Lady Diana Spencer and distributed 900,000 copies of the magazine, the editor of *Die Aktuelle* said Friday.

The edition is not yet for sale, but is in the hands of distributors, and is scheduled to hit the stands Monday, chief editor Helmut Markwort told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The magazine printed and distributed the weekly edition containing the alleged conversations before hearing of Thursday's temporary injunction by a Nuremberg district court against their publication, the publisher said. The editorial office of the women's magazine is in Munich, and the magazine's publishers are housed in Nuremberg.

"The temporary injunction came too late," Markwort said. "It was delivered to the business manager at around 4 a.m. Friday morning, but by this time the 900,000 magazines had been printed and distributed."

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said the magazine's publication of the material was "a matter for the courts." "The injunction had been taken out in Nuremberg and they know what the consequences will be," the spokesman said.

Violence sweeps N. Ireland

BELFAST, May 8 (Agencies) — Violence ripped across Northern Ireland early Friday after the Irish Republican Army (IRA) buried its latest martyr, hunger striker Bobby Sands, and vowed to continue its campaign to force the British out of the province.

Owen Carron, the IRA activist who masterminded Sands' extraordinary election April 9 to the British parliament, declared in a fiery graveside oration: "We rededicate ourselves to drive England out of our country once and for all."

Sands, a 27-year-old gunman, died early Tuesday in the Maze prison near Belfast, on the 66th day of his fast aimed at forcing the British to treat hundreds of jailed guerrillas as political prisoners rather than common criminals. Three other convicted guerrillas remain on fast despite the British government's dogged refusal to give them political status.

There were unconfirmed reports another Maze prisoner will join the hunger strike Saturday. Francis Hughes, 25, was on the 55th day of his fast. Sinn Fein, IRA's political front, claimed he is in grave condition and in severe pain. Britain's Northern Ireland Office declined to confirm that report.

As Sands, who had been serving a 14-year sentence for gun offenses, was given a hero's burial in Belfast's Milltown cemetery, Sinn Fein Vice President Gerry Adams warned: "The organization will give its response to the death of Bobby Sands in our own time."

That warning was underscored as police reported widespread violence. A British Army patrol fought a gun battle with four

guerrillas near the border with the Irish Republic Thursday night. The soldiers captured one gunman and another was arrested by police in the south. Unconfirmed reports said the other two guerrillas were shot dead. But British military headquarters declined to confirm or deny that.

Army and police patrols came under sporadic sniper fire in Roman Catholic areas. Mobs of young Catholics lobbed gasoline bombs at security forces in Belfast, Londonderry and the border town of Strabane. Police said Strabane's municipal tourist bureau was gutted by firebombs.

Authorities reported several trucks were hijacked and set on fire in Catholic west Belfast. Police said acid bombs were thrown at patrols and an army base was attacked by youths hurling molotov cocktails. The violence was less intense than security chiefs had feared in the emotional aftermath of Sands' funeral, but it reflected mounting anti-British sentiment among the province's 510,000-member Catholic minority.

Meanwhile, U.S. dock workers, protesting at Britain's treatment of Irish Republican Army prisoners, Thursday refused to unload British freighters along the American east coast but little shipping seemed to have been affected.

A spokesman for the International Longshoremen's Association, the union representing 74,000 east coast dock workers, said the 24-hour long boycott was a success. But there appeared to be few British ships at berth. In New Orleans, dock workers refused to unload one vessel carrying general cargo and in Baltimore, another ship lay idle in port.



BELFAST MOURNERS: Hunger striker Bobby Sands' mother Roseleen and sister Maria break down during the funeral service at Milltown cemetery in Northern Ireland Thursday. Sands was buried after a four-mile funeral procession which was diverted away from the Protestant area of Belfast.

Iran-Iraq conflict

Nonaligned plans fresh initiative

NEW DELHI, May 8 (AP) — Three members of a nonaligned peace committee aimed at resolving the seven-month Iran-Iraq conflict met here Friday to prepare for a fresh mission to the warring neighbors, an Indian spokesman said.

Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca Peoli, Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao and Farouk Kaddoumi, political chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization, met briefly among themselves and reviewed the conflict, spokesman J.N. Dixit told reporters.

The fourth member of the team, Zambian Foreign Minister L.K.H. Goma, was scheduled to arrive here Saturday when the four men are to meet before flying to Tehran. From Iran they will travel to Baghdad, Iraq. Dixit said the group is not taking any specific peace proposals.

The team first visited the two countries early April to explore prospects for a

nonaligned role in efforts to end the fighting. The mission was set up in February by a ministerial meeting of the nonaligned movement in New Delhi, attended by both Iran and Iraq.

On the war front, meanwhile no major victories were claimed by either side, although daily war communiques from both sides reported raging land and air battles. Most of the fighting was concentrated in the central sector of the battlefield, in mostly Kurdish-populated west Iran, for the control of heights overlooking main highways.

Each side claimed Thursday its forces shot down two of the other's raiding war planes. Iraq said it shot down two Iranian Phantom jets Susangard, in Iran's southern province of Khuzistan.

Iran, while conceding one of its jets was hit and safely landed in a dogfight, also claimed its forces shot down two Iranian MiGs near Abandan on the northern tip of the Gulf.

Chinese kill 100 Viets

PEKING, May 8 (Agencies) — China said Friday its frontier guards killed more than 100 Vietnamese troops Thursday in what diplomatic sources said was the biggest reported border clash since the two Communist neighbors fought a month-long war in 1979. The New China News Agency (NCNA) said that shortly after dawn Thursday a Vietnamese company crossed into a Chinese commune under cover of artillery fire and laid mines, attacked villages and looted and set fire to property.

Chinese frontier guards counterattacked shooting dead more than 100 of the invaders in a fierce battle, the official agency said. The Chinese also said they had captured a large quantity of weapons and communications equipment from the Vietnamese company, including mortars, machine guns and rocket launchers.

In February 1979 China launched a punitive invasion of Vietnam, which it called "self-defensive counterattack," after Vietnamese-led forces toppled Kampuchea's Khmer Rouge government. Chinese troops withdrew from Vietnam after a month of bitter fighting.

NCNA said the Thursday's battle took place at Menlong commune in Yunnan province. It said the Vietnamese had tried to

resist but were annihilated despite favorable terrain and artillery support. The Vietnamese News Agency (VNA), monitored in Bangkok, accused Chinese troops of having killed and wounded an undisclosed number of civilians Thursday in its northern province of Ha Tuyen, adjoining China.

It was not clear whether the Vietnamese and Chinese reports referred to the same clash. VNA said the reported Chinese attack was repelled by Vietnamese forces and civilians and gave no casualty figures.

The war of words between the two sides has been heating up this week. On Tuesday, China sent Vietnam a strong protest, accusing its troops of killing or wounding more than 60 Chinese so far this year.

On Thursday, Vietnam's official news agency said Vietnam had sent China a protest, accusing it of land-grabbing, ambushes and shelling operations in Vietnamese territory in which some Vietnamese were killed.

The note also complained, "the Chinese authorities have stubbornly refused Vietnam's proposal for the resumption of the Vietnamese-Chinese negotiations aimed at solving problems in the relations between the two countries." China accuses Vietnam of committing aggression in Cambodia and provocations against China, and thus spoiling the atmosphere for talks now.

French poll campaign ends

PARIS, May 8 (R) — The two French presidential candidates crisscrossed the country on the final day of their campaigns Friday wooing wavering voters who could swing the result of Sunday's poll. The result is expected to be close and votes won Friday could tip the balance for President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, 55, or his Socialist challenger Francois Mitterrand, 64.

Giscard, seeking a second seven-year term, was visiting the eastern garrison town of Verdun before flying across to Tours and then winding up his campaign in the Atlantic port city of Bordeaux. Mitterrand was holding meetings in Epinal and Mulhouse, close to the Swiss border, before swinging back across France for a rally at Nantes in Brittany. It was a grueling program for the two contenders who have been campaigning nonstop for more than a month.

The first-round elimination poll on April 26 produced a vote for all right-wing candidates of about 49 per cent with 47 per cent going to contenders from the left and four per cent to ecologist candidate Brice Lalonde. Two weeks later, despite doctrinal differences and personal rivalries within each coalition, these figures still appear plausible so that the 1.1 million ecologists could hold the key to Sunday's vote.

Also uncertain is how many of the almost 6.5 million voters (19 per cent of registered electors) who abstained in the first round,

when there were 10 candidates, would turn out Sunday. When the two contenders faced each other in a runoff poll in 1974, the abstention rate was only 12.6 per cent.

Another unknown factor was to what extent far-right electors would follow their leaders' calls to abstain or cast blank votes Sunday. As the generally lackluster campaign drew to a close, the two candidates began trading accusations and insults.

Taken to task by Giscard about alleged inconsistencies in his economic program, Mitterrand accused the president of pronouncing 12 deliberate lies in the space of 20 minutes. After deceiving the French for seven years over his policies, Giscard now wants to deceive them over mine, the Socialist leader said. Giscard reacted by repeating his earlier allegation that key points of the Socialist's program were being hidden from the electorate.

Uganda party takes to arms

NAIROBI, May 8 (AFP) — Uganda's official parliamentary opposition, the Democratic Party (DP), Friday announced that it had joined the armed struggle to overthrow the government of Milton Obote and had allied itself with the Uganda Freedom Movement.

DP Secretary General Francis Bwengye, speaking by telephone from Kampala, confirmed a statement distributed here in his name: calling on party supporters to take up arms; members of parliament to boycott the assembly and coffee producers — the economic mainstay of Uganda — to halt production.

Bwengye said that he represented the majority within the party, and accused party Chairman Paul Ssemogerere of collaborating with Obote's government.

The Democratic Party won 52 seats in last December's general election, against 74 for the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) headed by Obote. The Uganda People's Movement (UPM) obtained one seat, but its MP later crossed the floor to join the UPC.

The results were widely disputed by the people of southern and western Uganda, who accused UPC backers among the interim government which arranged the poll of organizing the ballot in Obote's favor.

Yoweri Museveni, leader of the UPM, is reported to be leading a second armed group, the Movement for the Struggle for People's Rights (MOSPOR). The news of the DP switch was made in two statements distributed in Nairobi.

Malaysian premier to quit

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (AP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Hussein Onn, who is resting after heart surgery, will resign May 15, the *New Straits Times* daily reported Friday. There was no confirmation of the newspaper report by officials.

However, his National Front coalition party members, who said that Hussein will step down soon, added that Deputy Prime Minister Mahatir Muhammad will succeed Hussein as prime minister. But they see no major change in Malaysia's domestic free enterprise system or pro-Western foreign policy under Mahatir. The former British colony of 13 million people, independent since 1957, follows the British parliamentary system, but Communism is banned.

The 57-year-old Hussein succeeded his brother-in-law, Tun Abdul Razak, in January 1976 when Razak died of leukemia. Hussein was at that time deputy prime minister and picked Mahatir to be his deputy.

National Front officials expect either Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah or Education Minister Musa Hitam to become deputy prime minister under 56-year-old Mahatir. The *New Straits Times* said Hussein will announce his resignation when he addresses the Johore Bahru division of his party, of which he is head, on May 15. Johore Bahru is a city south of here and across the causeway from Singapore.

Hussein underwent a cardiac bypass surgery in London in March and has since been resting and performing only some official duties. He reportedly will also give up his Sri Gadong parliamentary constituency and retire from politics.

Hussein is president on the National Front coalition, which includes his own United Malays National Organization (UMNO), the Malaysian Chinese Association, the Malaysian Indian Congress and other parties. Hussein will give up his presidency of UMNO and the National Front to Mahatir, who is currently deputy president of both. National Front members said. The National Front has more than 90 per cent of the 154 seats in parliament and has ruled since independence.



Malaysian Premier Dato Hussein Onn

31 killed in Argentine plane crash

BUENOS AIRES, May 8 (AP) — A commercial airliner with 31 persons aboard made two unsuccessful attempts to land in a thunderstorm and plunged into the River Platte estuary Thursday, apparently killing everybody aboard. Austral Airlines, a private domestic carrier and owner of the BAC-500jet, said there were no apparent survivors.

The wreckage of the plane was located by Argentine coast guard patrol boats and helicopters in the estuary some 16 kms off the coast.

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